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AG. STUDENTS WORK IN WOOD

M. H. S. DEPARTMENT HAS FARM WORKSHOP.

MAKE USEFUL PIECES

Elmer Coats, Vocational Ag. Instructor, Teaches Rural Handiwork and Repairing.

Vocational agriculture students of Maryville High School have been studying woodworking in farm shop. The farm shop department has a total often benches, soldering outfit, harness sewing tools, belt lacing tools, material for rope knotting, splicing and halter making, a saw fitting outfit and appropriate wood working tools. The boys are making articles in farm shop that will be used at their homes and with their projects which they will carry on next summer.

Articles made so far have a valuation of $128, while the actual lumber and hardware cost is only $67.45. This shows a saving profit of $60.55 for the class. The following articles have been made:

Marvin Lyle, tool chest, 14x18x35 inches, total cost, $4.65.

George Hepburn, flower stand, 2 ft. 8 inches high; cost $2.70.

Wm. Alsup, pig feeder, 2 feet high by 2 ft. long; cost $1.70.

John Dooley, ironing board; cost $2.85.

Edwin Manley, chicken feeder, 14x30x30 inches; cost $1.15.

Richard New, hog feeder, 50x42x96 inches; cost $13.00.

Leeland Thornhill, flower stand; cost 95 cents.

Harold Gingrich, chicken coop, 2 ft. wide by 2 ft., 6 inches long; cost $1.70.

Robert Hughes, 2 hog troughs of 2x8 inch material; cost $4.10.

Wesley Dowden, hog trough 14 feet long; cost $3.65.

John Thornhill, chicken feeder, 19x30x30 inches; cost $2.30.

Wm. New, scoop board, 39x42 inches; cost $3.10; gate 5x12 ft.; cost $5.35.

Lloyd Jones, feeding rack for chickens, 24x24x40 inches; cost $2.00.

Oren Garrett, book case, 30 inches wide, 5 ft. high; cost $3.65.

Leroy Rickman, grit hopper; cost $1.00. Two single trees (seasoned wood from home).

Raymond Rickman ,chicken feeder; cost $1.00. Two single trees.

Owen Thompson, book case, 30 inches wide by 5 ft. high; cost $2.64.

Harrell Busby, scoop board, 30x42 inches; costs $2.36.

Vernon Taylor, chicken feeder, 2 ft. by 3 ft. by 3 ft. 6 inches; cost $3.80.

Forest Wells, chicken feeder, 2 ft. by 3 ft. by 3 ft. 6 inches; cost $4.00.

In addition to the above, Floy Bailey has repaired harness and rebuilt a hog feeder. Irvin Jones has built a chicken feeder from a large box brought from home. Noble Florea has constructed a large chicken feeder from old lumber brought from home. Wm. Alsup is building swinging stanchions for his father's herd of dairy cattle and Marvin Lyle and George Epperson are building a cedar chest for the instructor.

Elmer Coats, vocational agriculture instructor, wishes to thank the parents for their cooperation in furnishing the building material for the above mentioned articles. This department will gladly construct hog feeders, chicken feeders, etc., for the farmers around Maryville if they will furnish building material for the articles.

The "community improvement" contest which is being carried on by the vocational agriculture students is "going good," Mr. Coats said. Captain William Alsup reports a total of 11,766 points, while George Hepburn, captain of the opposing forces, reports a total of 8,269 points.

Santa on Way to See the Doubting Maryville Kiddies

Santa's coming to Maryville tonight. Of course, everyone is expecting him, but some of the kiddies of Southeast Maryville have been a little dubious about him showing up. They can chuck their doubts now for a straight tip from L. E. Forsyth, says Old Santa will be down there to see them about 5 o'clock and will stay until he sees all of them. The wise youngsters down that way will be on the lookout for Santa's big truck.

CAROLERS TO SING TONIGHT

YOUNG PEOPLE WILL CHEER CITY SHUT-INS.

TO COVER EACH WARD

Church Groups To Visit Homes Where Lighted Candles Are Burning.

"Joy To the World, the Lord has come," will be heralded to the shutins of Maryville this evening by groups of carol singers from the five churches of Maryville.

Following the annual custom of several years standing, the Maryville unit of the Nodaway County Council of Religious Education will sponsor the carol singing with the cooperation of the churches. The Carolers will meet at the respective churches tonight at 6:45 and will sing over the city until 9 o'clock. Everyone who would like to be visited by the carolers is asked to place a lighted candle in the window.

Miss Dorothy England, president of the Council, is in general charge of the singing. Each church has been assigned to one ward of the city and different groups will cover the various streets of each ward. The First Methodist group, under Miss Gertrude Wray, will sing in fourth ward, the Christian group, under Miss Mary Todd, will go to third ward, the Baptist group under Miss Beatrice Puckett, will cover second ward, and the Presbyterians will go to first ward. The South Methodist group, under Miss Anna Mae Holt, will go to the homes of the shut-ins of their church, because of the large number.

The County Council with the co-operation of the churches, is also conducting carol singing in all the other towns of the county.

Electric Water Pump for City's Use Here

Will Be Installed Immediately—To Pump Water from Clear Water Well Up to City.

The eleven and a half ton electric driven triplex pump ordered by the city water department that will be used to pump water direct from the new clear water storage well to the city mains, has arrived, it was learned at the city hall today.

The pump, which has maximum capacity of 600 gallons a minute, will be installed.

Work on installing the pump will start immediately, J. W. Qualls, superintendent of the water department, stated today. It will be from 30 to 60 days before the installation is completed and the pump ready for use. The pump with the motor cost $4,365 delivered.

Just Pure Happiness!

Do you remember your first Christmas tree? If so, you don't need to be told anything about the smile on this kiddie's face! Isn't she the picture of happiness, though?

HEAD-ON TRAIN CRASH KILLS 16

TWICE AS MANY INJURED AT ROCKMART, GA.

FLYER MISSES SWITCH

Northbound Limited Plunges Into Florida Special Waiting On Siding Of Southern Railway.

Rockmart, Ga., Dec. 24.—Two fast passenger trains, heavily laden with holiday crowds, crashed head-on in a driving rain here last night. The death list stood at 16 today, with twice that many injured. It was the worst collision in years on the Southern Railway.

The Royal Palm, south-bound from Chicago, with passengers for Florida resorts, was waiting at a switch for the Ponce de Leon, northbound from Jacksonville. The latter train, running at high speed on a down grade, missed the switch and crashed into the southbound train.

Most of the dead and injured were in the diner and first Pullman of the Ponce de Leon. Passengers aboard the Royal Palm escaped without injury.

At an early hour today only four of the dead had been identified.

The Ponce de Leon consisted of ten cars. The Royal Palm was made up of nine.

R. M. Pierce, road foreman of engines, who was at the throttle of the Ponce de Leon locomotive, was thought to have been fatally injured.

Stories of the wreck gathered from those who arrived here, showed that turmoil existed after the crash.

Elizabeth Finlay, a young girl who was injured, told of her experience:

"All the porters and waiters toppled over the top of tables," Miss Finlay said, explaining she was sitting in the dining car eating at the time the disaster occurred. "Everything was jumbled and I found myself under a table with dishes and silverware on top of me. The lights went out, chairs broke like kindling wood—everything crashed.

"We were going so fast at the time, too, which made things worse. The next thing I know I was lifted out through a broken window and brought to a side track."

Welfare Board to Distribute Baskets at 10:30

Between thirty and forty Christmas baskets will be loaded on the city truct at the city hall tomorrow morning and then distributed to as many Maryville families, as a part of the Welfare Board's work to bring good cheer to less fortunate homes of the city.

Four members of the Welfare board, Hal Hooker, C. D. Allen, N. Sturm and W. A. Miller will start at 10:30 in the morning the distribution of the baskets contributed by Maryville churches.

Close to forty baskets, was the estimate today of Mr. Hooker, that will be placed in the truck. Already some supplies have been taken to the city hall to be placed into the baskets and four sacks of potatoes were taken to the city hall this morning by a Maryville "goodfellow."

The baskets will include groceries, candies and toys, and perhaps some clothes.

It was announced today that James Carpenter of the First Methodist Episcopal church has been elected to the Welfare Board as representative to succeed the late C. C. Leeson.

Dr. and Mrs. D. J. Thomas will go to St. Joseph tomorrow to be the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Oakford.

Mrs. Harold G. Roelofson went to St. Joseph last evening to join her husband and visit her sister, Mrs. Elmer Thompson and family for Christmas.

TEST FOR OIL NEAR BARNARD

"DOODLE BUG" INDICATES UNDERGROUND POOLS THERE.

BLOOD URGES DRILLING

Oklahoma Prospector Believes Profitable Production Possible In Southern Part of County.

The "Doodle Bug," an oil-locating machine of E. C. Blood of Woodward, Okla., which has been used on the leases of the Quitman Oil and Gas Co., indicates oil at Barnard, according to the Barnard Bulletin.

Mr. Blood, following the performance of his machine at Barnard said: "My opinion is that there is a good showing of oil here, and it is in a net-work of pools, similar to oil formation of Clearmore, Bartlesville, and Nowattee, Oklahoma. I believe the pools near Barnard are from one-fourth to one-half mile wide and from one to two miles long. I also think, if properly drilled, wells would give profitable production of a good grade of oil from about 36-38 gravity."

A number of readings were taken in and near Barnard, according to the Bulletin. The first reading was taken at the well behind the Barnard State Bank, where the machine indicated oil at a depth of about 200 feet, but in no paying quantities. Another reading was taken on the Hiram Groves hill where a pool of oil was indicated at about 1360 feet with a good showing of oil. One mile east and three fourth miles south of Arkoe, the machine indicated a good showing of oil at the same depth. Just northeast of the Frazee home a good showing of oil was indicated at 1320 feet. A quarter of a mile northeast of this spot, in a flat, 3000 feet was indicated. Near the Joe Dobbins place a strong showing was made and also just north of the Wendell home the machine indicated a large supply of oil.

Mexican Paper Sees New 'Maine Question'

Some Overt Act May Cause War With United States, Universal Declares.

Mexico City, Dec. 24.—In an editorial captioned "A New Maine Question," the newspaper Universal has suggested that some overt act might precipitate hostilities between Mexico and the United States, as the sinking of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor brought on the Spanish-American war.

Observers here today thought that the Universal had gone far afield in suggestion of the incident that might cause a war. The paper explained its caption with some remarks on the case of John T. Howard, jr., at Haverhill, Mass., who was arrested with two other men on charges of planning to attack Howard's father's ranch and to kidnap the aged millionaire.

ARMY PLANES HALT — REPAIRS

Washington, Dec. 24.—Four of the army airplanes undertaking a 21,000 mile flight to South America and back will remain at Tampico until a new engine can be shipped there from the United States, according to a message received by the War Department today from Major Dargue, flight commander.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fryer of Ravenwood announce the birth of a daughter, born Wednesday.

Miss Thelma Reece, a teacher in the schools at Wellsville, Mo., arrived at her home in Elmo this morning to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Reece over Christmas.

Weather Forecast for Christmas Day Changes to Snow

Washington, Dec. 24.—By special arrangement with Santa Claus, rain forecast yesterday for the Midwest and the East, Christmas Day, has been ordered changed to snow in much of the territory.

Snow tonight in the Middle West and snow flurries as far east as West Virginia, western Pennsylvania and western New York, are predicted by the weather bureau.

The rest of the East is to get rain tonight, and a cold snap may turn it into snow by Christmas night in several seaboard states.

ASKS FOR .U S. INTERVENTION

PRESIDENT DIAZ OF NICARAGUA APPEALS FOR AMERICA'S AID.

'MEXICO DOMINATES',

Charges Southern Republic Fosters Rebellion. More Marines Are Landed.

Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 24.—President Diaz the Nicaraguan executive who is recognized by the United States, has appealed for American intervention in Nicaragua, explaining the intervention would be more desirable than domination by "Mexican culture allied with barbarism."

In a statement to the United Press, Diaz repeated his charges that Mexico was fostering rebellion against his government with men, munitions and propaganda.

Washington, Dec. 24. — American forces, hitherto used in Nicaragua only to occupy part of Bluefields, were employed further today at Rio Grande Bar, Nicaragua.

Bluejackets landed at that point yesterday to guard American and foreign lives and property. The nature of the situation requiring their presence was still unknown this forenoon, but the State Department anticipated Admiral Latimer, in charge in Nicaraguan waters, would send additional information before night.

The landing at Rio Grande bar was reported only tersely to the State Department, leaving diplomatic experts here in doubt as to what had developed at the point to require this sudden action.

It seemed likely the force was fairly strong and able to cope with any situation at the bar, since Lattimer's flagship steamed on to hover near the center of the Liberals' revolt. Government officials avoided speculation, and there was no direct comment to indicate the landing was the beginning of any general effort to support the Diaz regime. Hitherto American action has been based on the idea of protection for American lives and property.

Five naval vessels have patrolled in Nicaraguan waters and a force of marines has occupied a part of Bluefields several months.

While the Rio Grande bar action may prove minor itself, it caused considerable discussion as perhaps portending more important developments to the south.

Mexico's recognition of the rebels has caused a delicate problem here, especially in the light of the bitter controversy betwee nthe U. S. and Mexico over oil and land laws. This conflict is due to come to head January 1 when the laws become effective, hitting many big American concessionnaires.

EMPEROR OF JAPAN DEAD

YOSHIHITO, 122d OF HIS LINE, A VICTIM OF PNEUMONIA.

SON TO SUCCEED HIM

Hirohito, Prince Regent Since 1921, to Be New Emperor.—Old Ruler Irrational for Some Time.

Tokio, Dec. 24.—Yoshihito, emperor of Japan, died today at the imperial villa at Hayama.

He was 47 years old and since 1920, had been unable to appear in public.

His majesty, always sickly, and since 1921, irrational, died of pneumonia, which beset him last week. With his death passed the 122d emperor of Japan—the direct rescendant of the Goddess of the Sun, according to Japanese belief—and also a direct descendant of the mighty man who became Japan's first emperor in 660 B. C.

The emperor will be succeeded by his elder son, Hirohito, who became prince regent in 1921.

California Dry Chief Submits Resignation

Col. Ned M. Green, Acquitted of Perronal Use Of Confiscated Liquor, To Leave Service.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Andrews accepted the resignation of Col. Ned M. Green, prohibition administrator for Northern California and Nevada, effective about February 1, 1927. Green, who was recently acquitted in federal court at San Francisco on charge of taking confiscated liquor for personal use, was suspended during an investigation into his case and was only reinstated this week.

In submitting his resignation, he requested that thirty days leave be granted for his previous service, and Andrews approved his request.

Missouri Convicts Get Annual Gifts

More Than $4,000 Distributed Among 3,448 Prisoners.—Holiday and Roast Pork Dinner Tomorrow.

Jefferson City, Dec. 24.—Postal drafts to 3,448 prisoners in the Missouri state penitentiary have exceeded $4,000 this Christmas, it was announced today.

The gifts ranged from $1 to $50. The convicts are not allowed to have money in their possession but may carry $10 in brass tokens, the exchange medium in the penitentiary.

The prisoners will be given a holiday and a special dinner tomorrow. The main dish on the dinner will be roast pork and dressing. A moving picture show will be given in the afternoon.

Emil Roehrig Named Successor to Gantt

Jefferson City, Dec. 24.—Governor Sam A. Baker, today appointed Emil Roehrig, Warrenton, Mo., Republican, circuit judge of the eleventh judicial circuit to succeed Judge Ernest S. Gantt of Mexico, who resigned after being elected member of the supreme court.

The appointment is effective January 1.

Weather

Partly cloudy to cloudy and colder today; Saturday generally fair and rising temperature in the afternoon.

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IN SOCIETY

Fifty Years Ago

(Items Taken from the Nodaway Democrat of Issue of Dec. 21, 1876.)

The real estate transfers for the week ending Dec. 16 amounted to $22,622.

The Morning Star Dancing Club will give a grand New Year's ball, at Union Hall, Monday eve, January 1.

The German Concordia Society announce by special notice in this issue that they will have a grand ball at Union Hall, on next Tuesday evening, Dec. 26.

At the last regular communication of Maryville Lodge No. 165, A. F. & A. M., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: S. C. McCluskey, W. M.; James L. George, S. W.; Theo. F. Jones, J. W.; Joseph A. Mall, secretary; Ed McMillan, treasurer; M. H. Cox, S. D.; Lawrence Saunders, J. D.; Angus Monroe, S. S.; Monroe Lane, J. S.; A. Duey, tyler.

James M. Pierce, editor of the Hopkins Journal, favored us with a brief call one day last week. He came down to hear Mrs. Hastings read.

Edward Evans, for the past two or three years the popular proprietor of the Oriental Hotel, of this city, has disposed of his property here, and will in the course of a week or two move to Albany, with a view to engaging in the same business which he has followed here.

Says the Hopkins Journal of last week: "During the three first days of this week there were transferred at this place twenty-six car loads of lumber, fifteen of merchandise, eight of wagons, one of oil, twenty-five of corn, twenty of wheat, three of fresh beef, twelve of rye, five of flour, two of barley, two of bones, two of cattle, and eight of hogs. This is independent of the freight for Hopkins and surrounding towns."

We are informed that it has been decided to build a handsome brick Catholic church in the spring.

Chaplain Bennet of the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F., of the State of Missouri, delivered a lecture at the M. E. church, on Monday evening, on the subject of Odd Fellowship. The meeting was called to order by selecting Fred D. Snyder as chairman.

The Masonic lodges of this city have made arrangements to celebrate St. John's Day, December 27. Both lodges will meet at their hall at 10 o'clock a. m. The Masonic procession will proceed from the hall to the Christian Church at 11 o'clock a. m., where the public installation of officers will immediately take place. After the installation ceremonies the members of the lodges and visiting brethern, with their families and invited friends, will proceed to Union Hall where dinner will be served, superintended by Mrs. N. W. Charles, Mrs. James Vancuren, Mrs. James I. George and Mrs. L. A. Bariteau.

The following gentlemen and ladies are the committee to furnish music for the occasion: T. W. Gaunt, C. W. Briggs, H. H. Hudson, J. B.Morrison, Mrs. C. W. Briggs and Mrs. John Edwards. Toasts will be offered and responded to by Elder L. D. Cook, Hon. A. P. Morehouse, H. M. Jackson, I. V. McMillan and James Todd.

Miss Ora Mae Condon, instructor in the Chillicothe schools, came yesterday to spend the holidays with relatives.

Lewis-Mercer Wedding Announced.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin A. Lewis, sr., announce the marriage of their daughter, Mary Ellenor, to Sergeant Guy Robert Mercer of Maryville on Saturday, Oct. 9, at Troy, Kan. News of the wedding will be a surprise to the large circle of friends of the couple as the bride's parents were the only ones who knew of the interesting secret. The bride joined Sergeant Mercer in Maryville last night, coming from Kansas City where she has been teaching in the city schools since September. The couple will be at home for the present with the bride's parents, 824 North Main street.

Mrs. Mercer was graduated from the Maryville High School and later attended the State Teachers College. She taught school at El Reno, Okla., and also in Maryville. She is prominent in the social life of the city. Sergeant Mercer has been a resident of Maryville since April 1, last. He was stationed here at that time as sergeant instructor for Battery C, 128th F. A., Missouri National Guard. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Mercer of Chicago.

Christmas Dinners.

Dr. and Mrs. C. C. James will have as their Christmas dinner guests the former's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Eggers of Herman, Mo., and his nephews, Frank W. Eggers, jr., and Clarence J. Eggers, and Mrs. Eggers, also of Herman. The family group will also include Byron James, who will come tonight from Kansas City, Miss Lillian James, an instructor in the St. Joseph schools, Mrs. J. R. Sickels and son, Jimmie, of Enid, Okla., and Miss Minnie B. James.

The members of a Christmas dinner party at the home of Mrs. D. R. Baker on West Third street tomorrow will be Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Bartram and children, Gladys, Elizabeth and Irvin, jr., Miss Helen Baker, who came this noon from Kansas City, where she teaches in the city schools, and Richard Baker.

The annual reunion of members of the Gex family will be held tomorrow at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson in Graham. Plates at the Christmas dinner will be laid for Mr. and Mrs. Hal Catterson and children, Mariam, Lorace and Halbert, Mrs. Louisa L. Catterson, John Thompson and Miss Catherine Gray, all of Maryville, Mr. Wilson's father, W. G. Wilson of Shattuck, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. John Gex and children, Billy and Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Gex, Mr. and Mrs. Will Mountjoy and sons, Robert and John, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gex, jr., and children, Beverly and Robert, III, R. B. Gex, sr., and daughter, Miss Mayme Gex. Mr. and Mrs. Will Gex and children will dine with Mrs. Gex's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Anderson, tomorrow.

Members of the Sawyers family will be entertained at Christmas dinner tomorrow at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Sawyers, with Mrs. Sawyers and Mrs. Karl Zimmerman as hostesses. In the company will be Mr. and Mrs. T. M. C. Neff, Mr. and Mrs. George Neff and family, the Rev. and Mrs. Henry A. Sawyers, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sawyers and son, Paul Harold, Mr. and Mrs. William O. Sawyers, Mrs. Samuel Crowley and little daughter, Loro Elizabeth, and Scott Sawyers, all of St. Joseph, Mrs. C. D. Webster of Kansas City, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sawyers of Mirabile, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. Loren Hackett of Pickering, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sawyers of Maitland, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Sawyers, sr., William G. Sawyers, Miss Elizabeth Sawyers, Robert A. Goforth, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Zimmerman and children, Henry and Martha Sue, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sawyers.

As is their annual custom, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mutz will entertain members of their family at a Christmas breakfast tomorrow morning. The group will include, besides the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Mutz and son, Walter, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mutz and daughters, Beulah, Delberta and Mary Elizabeth, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mutz and children, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ambrose and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hartness and family, and Mr. and Mrs. John Mutz.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Raines will be hosts at a family dinner at their home tomorrow, entertaining as their guests the former's sister, Miss Edith Raines of Minneapolis, Minn., Mr. and Mrs. William Mapel and the former's parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Frank Mapel of Cowgill, Mo., and Misses Mabel and Laura Margaret Raines.

The Frank Nicholas home in Burlington Junction will be the setting for the annual reunion of members of the Nicholas family. A Christmas dinner will be served. In the company will be Mr. and Mrs. James S. Corken and daughter, Miss Alma Corken, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Nicholas, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Corken and sons, James, Jerry and Jack, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Corken and daughters, Helen Mae, Phyllis and Kathleen, Miss Nell Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Nicholas and son, David, and Joab Nicholas, all of Burlington Junction, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Nicholas and children, Eleanor and Judd, Mr. and Mrs. Miles A. Nicholas and daughter, Virginia, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lyle and son, Raymond, and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Wirth of Maryville, Mr. and Mrs. James Nicholas and children, Juanita, Jane, Paul and Jack, of St. Joseph, and the hosts and family.

The annual Christmas tree celebration and exchange of gifts for members of the Hull family will be held this evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hull on South Buchanan street. The group will include Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Matteson, Mrs. Howard Wright, Mrs. Mattie Hunt, Misses Sophia and Emma Hull, Kenneth and Elizabeth Hull, and the hosts. A Christmas dinner will be given at the Hull home tomorrow evening when the same party will be entertained.

A family dinner party at the home of Miss Anna Wiseman, west of Maryville, tomorrow will include Mrs. W. E. Morton, Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Morton, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Milroy, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Goodwin, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Booth, Mrs. Betty Shelton, Helen Morton, Eugene and Harold Morton, Miss Charity Wiseman, Raymond and Virgil Morton, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Morton and Will Wiseman. Mrs. George Woods will be assisting hostess.

The annual Christmas dinner and reunion of the Gaddy families will be held tomorrow at the home of Misses Lura and Florence Gaddy.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Evans and daughter, Miss Minnie Evans, and their guest, Mr. James Fitz of Shenandoah, Ia., will be Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Evan Evans of Tarkio. Mr. Fitz will be a guest at the Evans home until Monday morning, arriving here tonight.

Mr. and Mrs. Cooper Gooden will have as their Christmas dinner guests their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest O. Gooden and daughter, Helen Marie, and Mrs. Gooden's mother, Mrs. Mary Livasy, of Kansas City, and Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Walborn and daughter, Edna Belle.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Miller, 611 West Third street, will entertain at Christmas dinner for Mrs. J. C. Spahr of Skidmore, their daughter, Miss Eula Miller, who will return tonight from Missouri Wesleyan College at Cameron for a holiday visit, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Loucks and daughters, Mary Esther and Thelma, and their nephews, Mark and Story Williams, of Skidmore, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. James and the latter's mother, Mrs. Martha Martin, Miss Minnie Kramer and Virginia Miller, youngest daughter of the hosts.

The following group of relatives will dine at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. McKee, 310 South Main street, tomorrow: Mr. and Mrs. Bert McKee and daughters, Doris and Ogle, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Casteel, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Casteel, Mr. and Mrs. Artie Craven and daughters, Dorothy and Alice, Sam Craven, Mr. and Mrs. G. Harbison, Miss Naomi Singery, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Kelley and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Kelley and baby daughter, and Perneta McKee. A goose dinner will be served.

The members of a Christmas dinner party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Montgomery on West Third street will include Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Montgomery and children, Jean and Jimmie, Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Rowlett, Jack and Sarah Frances Rowlett, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ogden and sons, Lawrence, jr., and Billy, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Ogden, Miss Jennie White, Mrs. Laura Sue Rittenour, and Miss Anna M. Painter.

A Christmas dinner will be given tomorrow at the home of Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Wright on South Main street to which the following are invited: Mr. and Mrs. George Lucas and daughter, Virginia, Mr. and Mrs. Edison Blagg and children, Billy and Betty, Mrs. Kate Barkman, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Blagg, Simeon Wright, and Miss Gertrude Wright, who is home from Iowa City, Ia., for a several days' visit.

Dr. and Mrs. Lafe Allender and son, William, of Atlantic, Ia., will come today to be Christmas guests of Dr. Allender's parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Allender. Dr. and Mrs. Allender will entertain with a turkey dinner tomorrow when Dr. W. M. Wallis, jr., will be an additional guest.

The Rev. and Mrs. Lane Douglas will have as Christmas dinner guests, Mrs. Lucinda Richardson and daughter, Miss Daisy Richardson, and Prof. and Mrs. D. B. McGlumpy of Mound City. Mrs. McGlumpy is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas.

Mrs. Fleming Carpenter and son, Gray, of Shenandoah, Ia., came last night to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gray, and Mr. Carpenter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Carpenter. Mr. Carpenter will come tonight. The annual Christmas tree celebration and exchange of gifts for members of the Gray family will be held tonight at the Gray home. Others in the group will be Miss Miriam Gray, art instructor in the Grand Island, Neb., schools, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Gray and daughter, Marjorie, Miss Katherine Gray, and Mr. and Miss Katherine Gray, and Mr. and Mrs. S. A. McClurg. The same group will be entertained at Christmas dinner tomorrow at the home of Mr. and Mrs. McClurg.

Miss Agnes Speirs will come tonight from Newton, Ia., to be the holiday guest of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Speirs. The visitor is art supervisor in the Newton schools. Mr. and Mrs. Speirs will be hosts at a 7 o'clock dinner Christmas night in compliment to their guest. Other guests will include Miss Martha Kennedy, Miss Marie Cloud, who returned Wednesday night from Kemmerer, Wyo., where she teaches music in the city schools, Misses Mabel and Laura Margaret Raines, Miss Mayme Greuns, Miss Viva Cloud, Miss Verna Kennedy, Jack Rowlett, Dean Partridge, Wilson McMurry, Jarvis Bush, Joe Phipps, and Simeon Wright. The hosts and their guests later will attend the Christmas dance at the Country Club.

A family party at the country home of G. Matter and daughter, Miss Ruth Matter, tomorrow will include Mr. and Mrs. Roland Curnutt, Mr. and Mrs. Marve M. Curnutt and daughters, Marjorie and Carolyn, Mr. and Mrs. John Z. Curnutt and son, Junior, and Miss Mary Curnutt, who is expected tonight from Pierceville, Kan., where she is a member of the public school faculty.

Mrs. Mayme Taylor will give a Christmas dinner tomorrow for Mr. and Mrs. J. C. F. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Willhoyte and son, Benjamin, Mrs. M. J. Willhoyte, A. J. Kinsley, and J. Vernon and Vivian Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kuchs will entertain Mrs. Elizabeth Hoelzer of Seneca, Kan., Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Irvin, and Albert and Paul Kuchs at a Christmas dinner tomorrow.

Christmas Dinners.

Mr. and Mrs. August Stapler will entertain the following guests at a Christmas dinner at their home on East Third street: Mrs. Anna Stapler, Misses Anna and Louise Stapler, Henry Stapler, Fred Kroeteh, Charlotte, Agatha and Louise Kroetch, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gross and son, Francis, Julia Helen Stapler and Louise Weisenberger.

Sergeant and Mrs. Guy Robert Mercer, whose secret wedding last October was announced today, will be the guests of honor at the Christmas dinner given tomorrow by the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin A. Lewis, sr., at their home on North Main street. Others in the group will be J. L. Arnold of Pierre, S. Dak., brother of Mrs. Lewis, Charles Jenson and daughters, Ruth and Mildred, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Lewis, jr., and little son, Robert Richey, and Mr. and Mrs. Emery Airy.

A Christmas dinner party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Geist tomorrow will include Mr. and Mrs. Julius Lowry of Kansas City, William Geist, home from Chicago for the holidays, Miss Mabel, Grace and Juanita Geist, Creston Maul, and Robert and Edward Geist.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gwinn and little son, Matt Clay, will entertain with a Christmas dinner at Maple Place for Mr. and Mrs. James Allen of Cameron, who will come this evening, and Mrs. Matt Gwinn.

Skidmore Frolickers Club.

Mrs. Bert Strickler was hostess to the Skidmore Frolickers Club at her home Tuesday afternoon. Refreshments were served after the bridge game, played at two tables. Those present were Miss Grace Foster, Miss Edith Porter, Mrs. Robert Wells, Mrs. Everett Linville, Mrs. Douglas Haynes, Mrs. Harry Mitchell and the hostess. Mrs. Mitchell will be the next hostess.

Christmas Dance .

A Christmas dance will be given at the Country Club Saturday night from 9 to 12 o'clock for members, their families and guests. Music will be furnished by Bovard's orchestra.

1921 Class Reunion.

A reunion of the 1921 graduating class of the Maryville High School will be held at 6:30 o'clock Monday evening at Hotel Linville. All out-of-town members are especially urged to attend.

Will Entertain at Dinner.

Mrs. G. R. Epperson and daughter, Miss Ethel Epperson, will entertain at dinner Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Kemp, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Epperson, and Leonard Epperson of Ault, Colo.

Bedison Community Club.

The Bedison Community Club was entertained yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Lee Wynn. A Christmas box was opened. The members present were Mrs. Will Anderson, Mrs. A. A. Schaefer, Mrs. Lee Barsballe, Mrs. Carl Swearingen, Mrs. Nels Barsballe, Mrs. James Snyder, and Mrs. Fred Barsballe. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Charles Roach Jan. 6 when officers will be elected for the ensuing year. New Year's resolutions will form the roll call responses and there will be a miscellaneous program.

Dinner for Theater Employes.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Clark gave a Christmas dinner at 6 o'clock last evening for employes of the Electric Theater. The dinner was served in the office of the theater and was preceded by a Christmas tree celebration. Those entertained were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Akers, Mrs. Elizabeth Lightfoot, Mrs. John Hopkins, Miss Margaret Clark, Robert Clark, Walter Clark, Earl Conklin, and Edith and Jimmie Clark.

Pullman Derailed on Noon Burlington

A "dead-head" pullman on the rear of the noon Burlington from St. Joseph, "took the rail" on one of the short curves near Barnard today and went off the track. No one was hurt as the car was empty and the rest of the train received a little jar. W. E. Goforth, pasenger agent, said it was difficult for a 70-foot pullman to make some of the sharp curves near Barnard.

A wrecker came up from St. Joseph and will have the sleeper back on the track by 5 o'clock this afternoon.

Judge and Mrs. Frank Armstrong of Plattsburg, Mo., will arrive this evening to visit Mrs. Zoe Malotte and family, and also Judge Armstrong's mother, Mrs. Louisa Armstrong. Judge Armstrong was recently re-elected probate judge of Clinton County.

Leonard Epperson of Ault, Colo., arrived last night for a visit with his mother, Mrs. G. R. Epperson, who has been sick. Mrs. Epperson is some better.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Eversole and children, Robert and Eunice, of Kansas City, and their son, Ralph Wilson Eversole of St. Joseph, will spend Christmas at the home of Mr. Eversole's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Eversole.

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De hote Dinner
50c

Baked Goose — Roast Young Pig
Celery Dressing — Cranberry Jelly
Hot Dinner Rolls
Boston Baked Potatoes
California Salad on Lettuce
English Scalloped Corn
Ice Cream with Wafers

Child's Plate 25c.
We will serve our regular Chicken Dinner Sunday.
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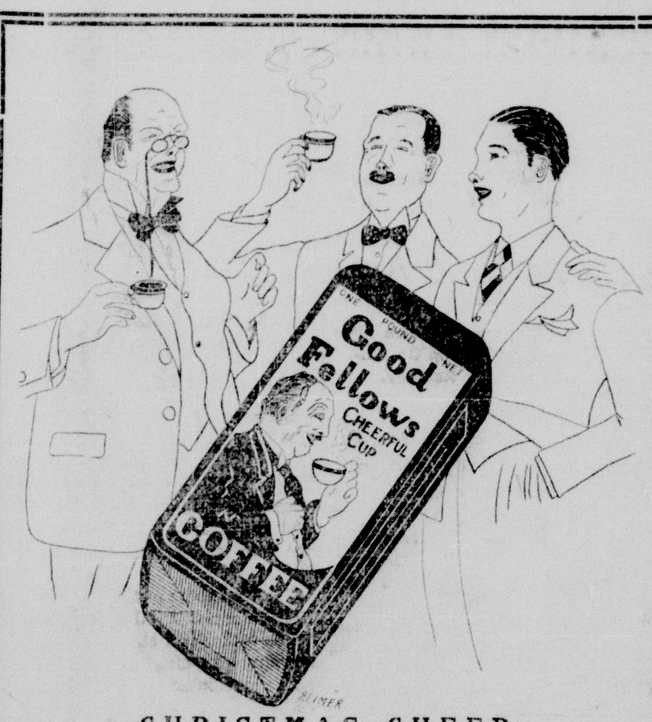

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Christmas Celebrations of 50 Years Ago Not Greatly Different From Those Today

Christmas Church programs then and now.

"Then," refers to the Christmas eves a half a century or so ago in Nodaway County when every church had its tree and sometimes charged admission for the program.

Santa Claus was seen then, too—yes, of course he did not forget the little tots who are now grown-ups. He has been coming here for a long, long time, but was perhaps seen in evidence more then than at present programs.

But it doesn't mean that he doesn't give as many gifts as he did in the former days, when he was obliged to depend entirely upon his reindeers. The giving of presents is now confined more to the homes than during the times when Henry Hudson and Capt. Hyslop were the young business men of the community. Those were the times when the church congregations brought their presents to the churches to be distributed.

Gifts Brought to Church.

It is recalled by Henry Foster that nearly forty years ago the churches would be decorated in the spirit of Christmas, with a large tree with the "trimmings" and oft times lighted candles. Many gifts were brought to the churches and placed at the base of the tree. He recalled that even ladders were brought in and gifts placed on each rung.

After the program in which all the children would take part, the superintendent of the Sunday school would begin the distribution of presents. He would call off the names for whom the presents were intended and little girls, all dressed in white, were called upon to act as pages in delivering the gifts. There was always candy or popcorn for everybody, but many times those not so fortunate would not get so many presents as others.

Many connected with the Sunday schools of today believe that just the presentation of candy, after the programs that are rendered at the present time, is better than piling high the Christmas tree with gifts as formerly, as there will not be any disappointed kiddies whom Santa has forgotten.

Fifty Years Ago.

But let's see how a Christmas program was conducted at the Churches here fifty years ago. Let the Nodaway Democrat of December 28, 1876, tell the story:

"Friday evening, December 22, the opening night of the Baptist fair and festival at Union Hall was one of unusual enjoyment for all those present. Although the attendance was not very large, everyone seemed bent on having a good time, and the "boys" spent their money freely. Numbers or chances for the drawing of the various articles there to be disposed of were sold, and quite a considerable sum was realized in this way. The supper was, we think, one of the finest of the kind ever served in this city. After supper Mr. Charles Hyslop introduced to those present Mr. W. M. Howden, who favored them with one of his select declamations. This ended the programme for the first day.

"Saturday evening at an early hour the hall was filled to its utmost capacity, there being present at least four hundred persons. The main attraction on this evening was the Christmas ship. The entertainment opened with prayer by Rev. Huntley. Then came the music and tableaux. The music was furnished by Messrs. J. H. Emmons and J. M. Hunt, Miss Elvira Young and Miss Hunt. Prof. Fletcher presided at the organ. The ship was then "towed" into port and the distribution of the many valuable presents began. When the ship was unloaded an oyster supper was served in an adjoining room, of which a great many partook.

"Take it on the whole the Baptist fair, festival and Christmas ship was a grand success, and much credit is due the management for making it such. The net proceeds, we understand, of the two nights amount to about $150."

Christian Church.

"At the Christian Church a large audience assembled on Monday evening. The exercises consisted in a short address by the Superintendent, Hon. M. G. Roseberry, in singing, and distributing the numerous presents with which the Christmas tree was laden. The singing was conducted by Prof. Moore, Miss Laura Snyder presiding at the organ. The music was very fine indeed. During the evening Cay Cranor delivered a declamation appropriate to the occasion in a fine manne.r

"The especial features of the singing were a temperance song by fourteen little boys, each singing a verse and holding a letter; when the letters were all taken together 'temperance band' was the reading. Eleven little girls sang in a similar manner a beautiful piece entitled, "feed my lambs." After the singing of this piece the distributing of the presents on the tree was begun. This occupied some time. Many little hearts were made glad by being the recipients of nice presents from friends who kindly remembered them.

"The large congregation after being dismissed repaired to their homes with pleasant memories of Christmas in 1876, especially was this the case with the little folks."

Presbyterian Church.

"A concert was given in connection with the Christmas tree at the Presbyterian Church on Monday evening. Mrs. Workman was the organist. This fact alone is sufficient to prove that the music was good. The Christmas tree presented a fine appearance. It was literally laden with choice presents, many of which, of course, were for the little folks. The distribution of the presents occupied some time. The church was filled, all the seating capacity being occupied, and some, then, having to stand up.

"Taken all together the Christmas festivities in Maryville were very interesting. These occasions, it is safe to say, will long be remembered by a great many, especially the little boys and girls of the various Sabbeth schools in town, almost every one of whom, doubtless, has received some kind momento which years hence will call to mind the merry Christmas enjoyed in the Centennial Year—1876.

"May all the little boys and girls of the various Sunday Schools with which our city is blessed live to enjoy many returns of the day which they look forward to with so much interest—a day which suggests to them the reception of valuable and nice presents. Christmas is truly a day of gifts. The greatest gift ever given to the world—the Saviour—was given on that day."

Miss Marie Landfather, who is an instructor in the St. Joseph Benton School, arrived here this afternoon to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Louella Landfather.

Liberty-Valley Club Hold Annual Program

Club Members Have Entertainment, Christmas Tree and Santa Claus at Community Home.

The Liberty Valley Homemakers Club held its annual Christmas program at the community house Tuesday. The house was decorated with Christmas colors and a large tree was laden with gifts for the guests. Santa was there to distribute popcorn and candy as the club members drew presents from a Christmas box. The following program was given: Song by the club; play, "The Lunatic or the Professor;" Mrs. Alma Parson, Mrs. Letha Crockett, Miss Edna Hughes and Miss Mabel Hughes; reading, Tommie Parsons; reading, Doris Smock; reading, Virginia McGinnis; play, "Aunt Jane Visits the School," Maggie Lourance, Dorothy Winger, Leora McGinnis, Eva Smock, Wayne Winger, Tommie Parsons; reading, Mrs. Roy Nowland; play, "Rastus Blinks' Minstrels," Mrs. Lillie Winger, Hattie Linville, Mary Hughes, Lois Winger, Harvey Linville, Wayne Winger; reading, Eva Lee Smock; reading, Minnie Crockett; play, "The Physical Torture Club," Mrs. Joe Shull, Mrs. Roy Twaddle, Mrs. Dean Shull, Mrs. Chlowa Smock; reading, Phyllis Jean Twaddle; play, "The Train Leaves in Ten Minutes," Mrs. Birdie McGinnis, Miss Edna Hughes, Miss Leora McGinnis.

Those present at the meeting were: Mr. and Mrs. Lee Smock and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Shull and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Twaddle and family, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Crockett and family, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lourance and son, Charles Edward, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Parsons and son, Tommie, Mr. and Mrs. Walter McGinnis and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nowland, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Iddings, Mrs. John Lourance, Mrs. Dora Linville, Mrs. Carrie Martin and children, Mrs. Tom Williams, Mrs. L. D. Stamper, Miss Edna Hughes, Miss Leora McGinnis, Miss Maggie Lourance, Fred Dyson, Mark Lourance, Harvey and Leland Linville, Mary Hughes, Ed Hughes, Ray Blackney, Mabel Hughes, Hattie Linville.

The next meeting of the club will be held Wednesday, December 29, at which time officers for the coming year will be elected.

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Merry Christmas!

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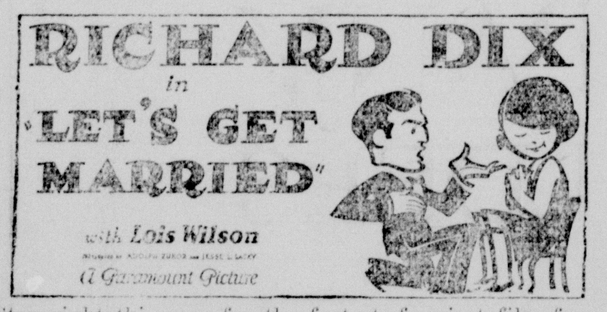

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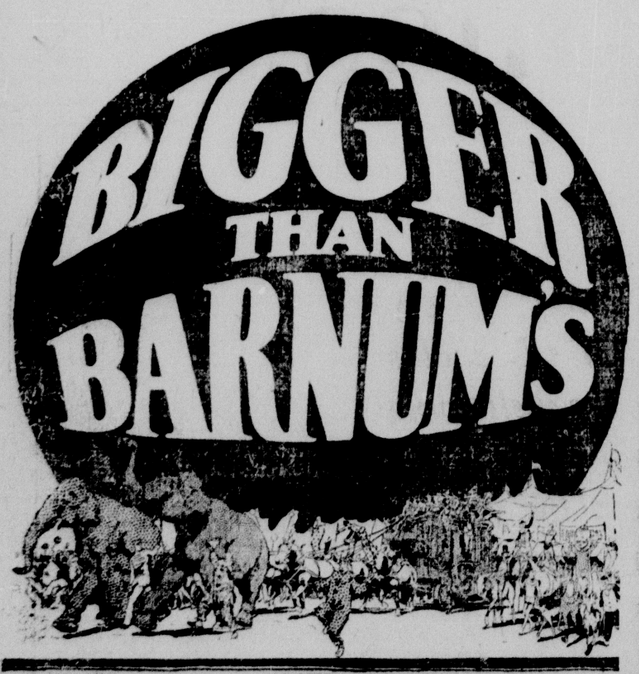

All the glamour of the circus, from the winding parade to the final striking of the tents—the smell of sawdust, the hoarse cries of the barkers, the applause of the crowds—and behind it all, unseen, the sheer human drama of life that builds up to the most terrific climax on the screen!

With Ralph Lewis, Viola Dana, George O'Hara and Ralph Ince. A Ralph Ince production. Story by Arthur Guy Empey. Also a two reel comedy, "GALLOPING GHOST."

Hints and Helps for Farmers

by Ross J. Fleetwood — County Extension Agent

Why is a hog a hog? Usually because he is made to be one. By nature the hog is no filthier than any farm animal but he is inclined to take things as they come and say nothing about them. There is plenty of evidence to prove that hogs will pay big dividends for clean and sanitary quarters. Right now is the time to begin arrangements to give your hogs cleaner quarters next spring. You can make arrangements now so as to have some clean pasture, secure some kind of shelter on the clean pasture and insure a water supply. If the penning and other arrangements are delayed until next spring it is highly probable that the pigs will be raised under the same old plan in the same old sheds and lots. Plan to raise clean pigs on clean grounds and you are sure to be well paid for your time.

Experiments show that yellow corn is better to feed to poultry than white corn. In fact numerous experiments tend to show that where yellow corn and green alfalfa hay are available to hens they do not require any green feeds such as sprouted oats. It is much easier to furnish some alfalfa leaves for the hens than to sprout oats and I think most poultry raisers will be glad to learn that it isn't necessary to follow this practice.

4H club work seems to be having a steady, healthful growth in Nodaway County. Since the beginning of the current club year, Dec. 1 ,thirty-seven club members have been enrolled in three clubs. All of these clubs are in new communities. I believe that all last year clubs will reorganize. At least three new clubs are in process of organization at the present time. At Skidmore a Baby Beef Club and a sow and litter club are being organized. At Clearmont a club of some kind is to be organized, probably a sow and litter club and possibly a calf club. Due to lack of time no special effort to organize clubs will be made in any community which does not ask for the work, but I will be glad to help in any way possible those communities which signify their interest. I think it is well to get clubs organized early so that they will be ready to begin work when the time comes.

A soil test can be made on your soil which will give a very definite idea as to whether or not your land requires lime. These tests are made at this office without any expense to you. Just send in the samples plainly numbered and I will make the test and report to you. A good way to take the samples is with a spade. Make a vertical cut with the spade about six inches deep and clean cut. Then make a thin slice down the full six inches on the face of the vertical cut and use this material for the sample. Several samples should be taken from various parts of the field in order for the test to be representative of the entire field. If you need lime it can probably best be taken care of during the winter months when there isn't so much other work to interfere. Furthermore lime should be applied several weeks before seeding to alfalfa or sweet clover in order for some of the lime to become soluble.

"Why the Chimes Rang," High School Play, Scores Triumph

Maryville High School dramatics was at its best yesterday. "Why The Chimes Rang," which was presented yesterday afternoon by the beginning senior class to the student body and the public, drew an ovation accorded few plays outside of the graduation plays.

The whole theme of the presentation called for reverence, and the audience was reverent until the curtain fell. Then long sustained applause followed. Not that the audience cared to disturb the reverence of the forty-minute religious spectacle but it wished to give a sincere tribute to the Christmas play, its characters and the director, Miss Augusta Quell.

The characters played usually well, but the unusual most impressive feature, was the scenery arrangement, painted by Junior Curnutt—a Cathedral background. This was greatly improved by lighting effects arranged by Cleo Yehle. When the scene of a humble cottage was transformed into the beauty and reverence of a great cathedral, the quiet audience was all the more silent.

Kneeling at the altar was the priest, a part which was played by Ora Petty. In the silence of the cathedral could be heard faintly the organ and later the voices of the choir.

Into the cathedral came rich, poor, young and old people, to offer their gifts to the Christ child. Even the King offered his crown. When the right gift was offered at the altar the chimes rang. Crowns, pearls and flowers would not do it. But lo, the chimes rang out when Holger, a humble boy, played by Paul Quails, offered the only coin he ever possessed. His charity to a woman, lost to the world, and the spirit of sacrifice, gave the peasant boy the distinction of having given the best gift.

The chimes were played by Carl LeRoy Fisher. They were loaned through the courtesy of Albert Kuchs. The organ was played by Genevieve Miller and the chorus of voices comprised Zola Colwell, Alice Nelson, Lawrence Wray and Carl LeRoy Fisher.

Those in the cast in addition to the two named, were Wilson Dowden, Paul Bratcher, Virginia Tulloch, Virginia Braun, Eugene Wells, Earl Somerville, Noreen White, John Smith, Florence Wray, Halbert Catterson.

Farm Business Will Merge.

A deal was completed this week whereby the Guilford Exchange and the Farmers Elevator of Barnard are merged into the same company, according to the Barnard wulletin. The officers and directors of the Guilford concern will be retained until the business of their plant has been completely finished. The merger will be completed and the elevator management installed about January 1. At this time a manager of the Guilford plant will be chosen.

Miss Lucile Sturm, an instructor in the public schools of Esther, Mo., came this morning to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Sturm.

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ALBANY FALL BY 45-26 COUNT

SPOOFHOUNDS SHOW STRENGTH IN WIN LAST NIGHT.

STRONG IN DEFENSE

Albany Girls Did Not Make Trip Here —Maryville Boys Have Eye For The Loop.

The Spoofhounds of Maryville reversed the order of last year's event by defeating Albany, undefeated this year, by a 45 to 26 count. The annual battle showed that Maryville has many rough spots to smooth out; that vast improvement must be shown before the Croy men can face such teams as Westport High and the DeMolays of Kansas City.

Coach Crookshanks, who is always given a glad hand when he comes to Maryville, stated after the game that his boys were a "little cocky" as they had defeated the Palmer College of Albany and trimmed Ridgeway before coming here. However, he admitted the Maryville boys are a coming aggregation, even though his lads were cold when they went on the court. The Albany team did not arrive on the court until 8:30, as they came over on the evening Wabash.

The double-header card as arranged, fell through, the Albany girls deciding it would be too hard a trip to Maryville last night.

Last night's game brought out a fighting Maryville team, that seldom slacked its pace, showed promise of a high caliber defense machine, and that every man on the team has an eye for the basket.

Their failure to follow up shots cost them points in the first half but this fault was largely corrected in the last two quarters.

Swinford again counted as the high scoring unit of the Spoofhounds. He rung in four field tosses in the first half and five the latter half. Nine wearers of the Black and Green took their place on the court before the final pistol shot and all showed speed, even though they were often clumsy and at times threw the ball away.

Of course the glaring faults of a team with only two men who have participated in games for the Spoofhounds before are noticed. But the material Coach Croy has at hand will have its say before the district tournament in March, and its classy opposition, yet to appear here, will do much to finish off the work of Keever, Alsup, Wilson and J. Smith of the late starters, and Swinford, McMurry, Kissinger, Petty and L. Smith of Coach Croy's first choice.

Goin' Strong Croy.

MARYVILLE (45)—	FG	FT	F
Swinford, f	9	2	1
Wilson, f	1	1	0
McMurry, f	2	0	2
J. Smith, f	3	0	0
Kissinger, c	3	2	0
Petty, g (c)	0	0	2
L. Smith, g	1	2	0

Substitutions: Wilson for Swinford; Alsup for McMurry; McMurry for Alsup; J. Smith for McMurry; Alsup for Kissinger; Keever for L. Smith.

ALBANY (26)	FG	FT	F
Mitchell, f	2	3	0
Forbis, f	1	3	2
Slaybough, c	1	3	1
Spainhower, g	4	1	0
Redmond, g	0	0	2
McLeod, g	0	0	1

Substitutions: Guess for Mitchell; Smith for Forbis; Forbis for Smith; Gray for Slaybough; McLeod for Redmond.

Referee: Burks, State Teachers College. Timekeeper, F. Froman.

Score by quarters:

Maryville	11	22	32	45
Albany	1	9	16	26

Miss Virgina Rose will go to Stanberry to spend Christmas day and Sunday with relatives.

AUNT HET

"When I look back at it now, I wish I had let Pa hold my hand more when we was courtin' and it was excitin'."

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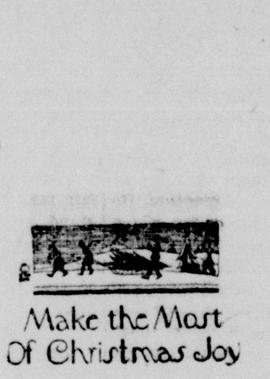

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What Nodaway County Churches Are Doing

MORE THAN MERE HISTORY

Comment on the Uniform International Sunday School Lesson for December 26, 1926.
Review Lesson

Wm. Southern, Jr.

From the time of Moses to the days of Samuel there is a long period of important world history. The story of these times is related in the Old Testament, not primarily as history, but to show us how God kept touch and faith with the children of Abraham.

As history the account of these early years of the race might be open to serious criticism. But as the story of God's care, of the faithful service of faithful men and women, the books of the Bible which cover this period become an illumined page, an inspired page, a page of promise and as such have lived through the centuries and are today bright and new.

We have today a passion for bare bone facts. If the sacred paintings which were produced by the great masters centuries ago should be produced today by masters of the art equally great there would be few haloes about them and the pictures of angels would rarely appear. As plain history the Bible would be as thousands of other books forgotten long ago. As a record of the progressive dealings of God with man the Book has stood, has lived and been preserved as fine and fresh and vital today as if it were but newly written.

One of the University professors in Rome puts in his spare time acting as a guide for visitors. He makes it a point to always tell his audience that Nero never fiddled while Rome burned, that Nero was not the tyrant he is pictured, but was a strong and a fine ruler and then he always adds "Tactitus was the biggest liar who ever wrote history." He also told us that Mark Anthony's oration over the body of Caesar, which we all memorized at school and declaimed with such fine effect, was not genuine at all but the invention of some writer years afterward and that the real speech Anthony made at the funeral after Brutus and other greater men had refused to speak was a very ordinary and tame speech.

The book of Joshua would lead the reader to believe that during his lifetime Joshua conquered Canaan, chased away or killed the inhabitants and divided the lands amongst the tribes of Israel. But the books of Judges follow Joshua and from these records we know that it was some two hundred years before Canaan was subdued and not entirely then, for King David finished the job.

Joshua was at least sixty or sixty-five years old when he took over the leadership and he died at the usual age. When Joshua died only the edges of Canaan had been taken and much of this was because the Canaanites did not want the hill and the rocky soil. The Canaanites lived and had their cities in the rich valleys. To the Israelites after forty years nomadic existence in the deserts the well-watered hills which would grow scrub trees and grapes were most wonderfully fertile.

Another good reason why the conquest was possible comes from the fact that Egypt had invaded this territory a short while before and had broken up the confederation of Canaanitish kings. We may count in the records 31 of these kings. When Joshua made his entry and when the Judges fought along afterward, they fought individual kings and whipped them one at a time and sometimes got badly beaten at that.

It is a wonderful story, that of the progress through Canaan of this people of Israel. They were a hardy people but they themselves had no real cohersion. Joshua divided the lands and each tribe had its own borders. Only in times of great emergency when some strong man like Ehud or Othniel or some devoted woman like Deborah rose to command did the tribes fight together. The time had not then come for the Kingdom. It was probably more loosely organized than the Canaanitish kingdoms about them.

There was another interesting feature. They were not always fighting the people of Canaan. The borders touched, the people mingled, the young men and young women intermarried, Israelites forgot God and took up with Baal, the god of fertility. Many of these people believed in their own God, but believed him to be merely the greatest of many. They were quite willing to permit their neighbors to have a god of their own, that was perfectly natural. Of course their god Jehovah was the best god of the bunch and the most powerful, but few were there who would deny that there were other gods as well. This condition brought those ringing words from Joshua in his farewell address "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve."

A few days ago I heard a preacher tell about the first organization of a Sunday school in my town. It was organized a very few years after the Sunday school movement had been started and was a union Sunday school. Afterward it became a Presbyterian Sunday school and then were organized Methodist and Baptist Sunday schools and all the other denominations. This preacher expressed the thought that he was sorry that our Sunday schools now were denominational. He thought that the story of religion, the history of religion, the story of the beginnings of religion, the reformation of the rise of our present day system should be taught in an impartial manner, not from the biased standpoint of denominations and creeds.

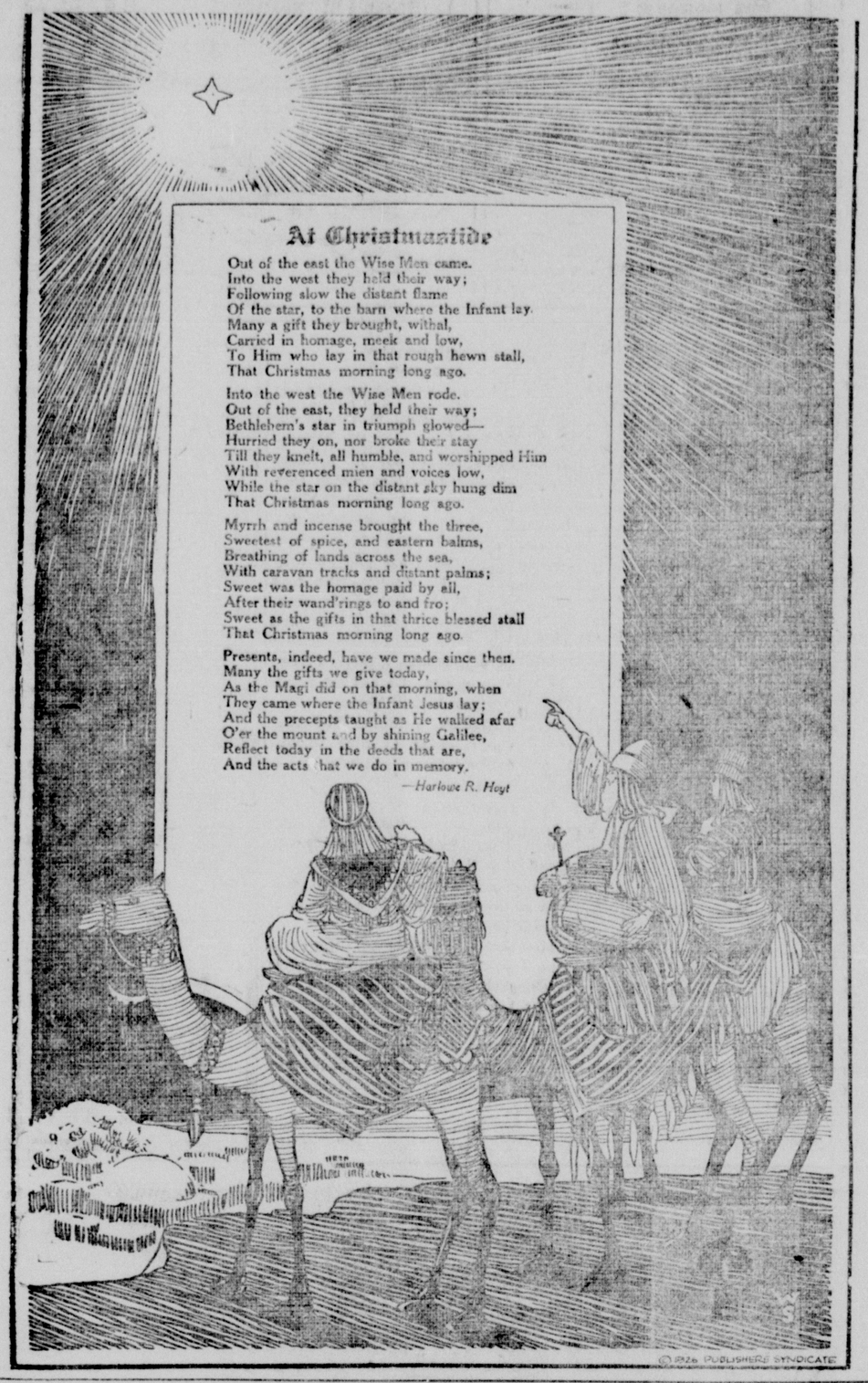
I am not endorsing this plan, mainly because I know perfectly well that we will never adopt it as long as denominations stand. Our poor teaching of history, our poor writing of history and our inevitable coloring of what we say and write to fit our own pride and our own convictions, makes it impossible to teach any other way than the way we do.

Home teaching, especially religious home teaching, used to be a large part of the education of the child. Now the teaching of the child starts under alien hands in the kindergarten and the religious teaching is left to the Sunday schools.

I would remind you that the Bible which we are studying, is not simply history, but is to teach us of the moral power which controls the world. It is to teach us what God wants to do, how He wants us to live. It is the book of religions. In it we trace through the rough, awful and horrid experiences of men the direction and the loving care of an almighty God.

The stories of conquest and war, the stories of wickedness and martyrdom, the stories of love and saerifice are simply the setting. The old writers, the old prophets, always point out to us that the nations which believed in God and followed his laws survived and prospered. They also show that to disregard these laws means destruction.

The rise and fall of nations from the beginning of recorded history reaches God in the World and His directing power.


At Christmastide
Out of the east the Wise Men came.
Into the west they held their way;
Following slow the distant flame
Of the star, to the barn where the Infant lay.
Many a gift they brought, withal,
Carried in homage, meek and low,
To Him who lay in that rough hewn stall,
That Christmas morning long ago.
Into the west the Wise Men rode.
Out of the east, they held their way;
Bethlehem's star in triumph glowed—
Hurried they on, nor broke their stay
Till they knelt, all humble, and worshipped Him
With reverenced mien and voices low,
While the star on the distant sky hung dim
That Christmas morning long ago.
Myrrh and incense brought the three,
Sweetest of spice, and eastern balms,
Breathing of lands across the sea,
With caravan tracks and distant palms;
Sweet was the homage paid by all,
After their wand'rings to and fro;
Sweet as the gifts in that thrice blessed stall
That Christmas morning long ago.
Presents, indeed, have we made since then.
Many the gifts we give today,
As the Magi did on that morning, when
They came where the Infant Jesus lay;
And the precepts taught as He walked afar
O'er the mount and by shining Galilee,
Reflect today in the deeds that are,
And the acts that we do in memory.
—Harlowe R. Hoyt
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Two More Christmas Observances Tonight

Pageant, Part of Lecutre Course, to Be Given at Christian Church—Cantata at Presbyterian.

A pageant at the First Christian Church and a cantata and program at the First Presbyterian Church tonight will bring to a close the special observance of the Christmas season by the Sunday schools of the city.

"The Light of the World" is the title of the pageant to be given at the Christian Church, as part of its lecture course, with a cast of 130 persons. The Presbyterian cantata is, "A Joke on Santa Claus." There will be a program by the primary, junior and beginner departments, and a Christmas tree, Santa Claus and gifts for the children.

"White gifts," to be given to the Welfare Board, will be received at both churches.

Observances at the First Baptist, First Methodist and Methodist Church, South, were well attended last night. The Baptists had a pageant, "Bethlehem," in which more than 100 children took part. The M. E. South, children had a program with "Keeping Christ in Christmas," as the theme, and the Methodist program was given by members of the beginners, primary, junior and intermediate departments.

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Christian Church.

The services for next Sunday will consist of the regular program for the day, Sunday School and preaching from 10 to 12, and preaching at night, 7:30. The morning sermon will be entitled, "What Manner of Child?" The night sermon, "The World as Jesus Found It."

Notice in another column about the union services in the Pickering churches all next week, and plan to attend as much as possible. The first service will be in the Christian Church on Monday night, with the Rev. H. A. Doughty in charge.

The pastor wishes to take this means of wishing all his friends a very Merry Christmas and a joyful New Year.

HOPKINS.

(From the Journal).

Methodist Church.

Regular services on Sunday. At the morning service, the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Harper will preach a Christmas sermon. There will also be special music. The evening worship and sermon at 7:30 p. m.

Baptist Church.

A. L. Gartin, Pastor.

Sunday morning we are to have our annual Christmas lone offering to Foreign Missions. Other services as usual.

Christian Church.

B. H. Harman, Pastor.

Regular services next Sunday. Next Lord's Day will be the last Sunday for the year 1926.

BURLINGTON JUNCTION.

(From the Post).

M. E. Church.

J. Howard Thompson, Pastor.

There will be all regular services next Sunday.

Christian Church.

Rev. Ragsdale, Pastor.

Election of officers will be in order next Sunday, both in the Sunday School and in the Christian Endeavor. The Hi-Y club will attend the morning service in a body. There will be special music and a special sermon in their honor.

First Church of Christ Scientist.

Services at First Church of Christ, Scientist, on South Main street, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock:

Subject of lesson sermon: "Christian Science."

Wednesday evening service at 8 o'clock.

Reading rooms in church building open every Wednesday and Saturday afternoons from 3 to 5 o'clock.

Sunday School Sunday morning at 9:45 o'clock.

The public is cordially invited to these services and to visit the reading rooms.

Fiction Less Strange Than World Religions

Presbyterian Minister to Discuss Beliefs of Other Countries and Other Peoples.

What other peoples and nations think about God, the soul, the world, life, immortality, heaven, the future world and its judgment and similar information will be given by the Rev. W. N. Dewar, Presbyterian minister, at a course of studies which he will begin at his church on the first Wednesday in February.

"These are matters of entrancing interest, more captivating than a novel. Truth in this field is stranger and stronger than fiction," says the Reverend Mr. Dewar.

"Why did the Egyptians embalm their dead? The answer is awesome and gripping. You ought to know it among other things the studies will deal with."

The public is invited to all the studies.

Pickering Churches Plan Prayer Week

Joint Services Usually Held First Week in January to Be Moved Up One Week.

In accord with the plans of the Federal Council of Churches, the first week in January is designated National Prayer Week and observed by union devotional services each night. The two churches at Pickering will observe this practice next week, instead of waiting for the first of the year.

This is done, according to a statement by the Rev. H. A. Doughty, pastor of the Methodist Church, and the Rev. T. M. Walton, pastor of the Christian Church, for the reason that the holiday week will give young folks from the schools an opportunity to attend who perhaps could not otherwise do so.

"Also," the pastors urge, "following after the celebration of the Lord's birth, what could be more fitting than to carry out the desire expressed by the wise men as they inqured where the Child was, that they might worship him. Let us, also, at this holiday season, meet in our churches to spend a few evenings in deep devotion and renewing of the spiritual life."

The services will be held alternately in the Methodist and Christian churches, beginning in the Christian church on Monday night, December 27, and lasting until Saturday, January 1. The general public, regardless of church affiliation, is invited to attend.

Dr. James to Attend a Meeting of Deans

Dr. C. C. James, pastor of the First Methodist Church, will leave Monday for Chicago to attend a meeting of the deans of summer schools of theology of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to be held December 28-30. The commission on course of study will meet at the same time. Bishop E. H. Hughes of Chicago, Bishop E. G. Richardson of Atlanta, Ga., and other Methodist leaders will meet with the deans, of whom Dr. James is one.

Services at Baptist Church.

Services at the First Baptist Church will be held at the usual hours, but the pastor, the Rev. Guy L. Prather, had not announced his sermon subjects.

CHRISTMAS IS SERMON TOPIC

DAY'S SIGNIFICANCE TO BE STRESSED IN SERMON HERE.

FORMER PASTOR HERE

The Rev. F. J. Mapel To Preach In Evening At M. E. South.—Farewell To Presbyterian Superintendent.

Christmas will be the theme of the services at all Maryville churches Sunday. Cantatas and children's programs already have been given, or are to be given tonight, but all pastors will preach tomorrow on subjects appropriate to the season of Christ's birth.

At the First Christian Church, the Rev. R. E. Musgrave will have as his text John 3:16, which he terms the "golden text of the Bible." He suggested that persons who do not know it already may find it for themselves.

Mr. Musgrave withheld his sermon subject for the evening service. Other church services will be at the usual hours.

At the First Methodist Church, Dr. C. C. James will preach at the 10:30 o'clock morning service on "The Transmuted Crown." His theme at the evening service will be "The Lure of Discovery." A Special musical feature will be solos by Byron James, son of Dr. and Mrs. James, who is expected home from Kansas City for the holidays.

Sunday School and the Epworth and Intermediate Leagues will meet at the usual hours.

A Former Pastor Here.

At the Methodist Church, South, the Rev. R. A. Mitchell will use as his subject at the 10:45 a. m. service, "Christ and the New Year." There will be a solo, "Calvary."

At the evening service at 7:30 o'clock, the sermon will be given by the Rev. F. J. Mapel of Cowgill, Mo., a former pastor of the church here. Sunday School will be held at 9:40 a. m., and the Reverend Mr. Mitchell will speak to the College Bible class on the subject, "Right Thinking and Real Thinking." Epworth League will meet at 6:30 p. m.

The Rev. William N. Dewar will preach at the morning hour at the First Presbyterian Church on "God's Gift to the World," which the pastor announces as a Christmas sermon but in line with his series on "The Moral Revolt" and "our Dissolving Ethics." The series will be concluded with two more sermons, "Life's Latent Possibilities" and "Our Modern Atheism." There will be special music.

To Begin New Series.

At the evening service at 7:30 o'clock, the Presbyterian minister will preach on "The Great Fulfillment." This sermon is an introduction to a series to be given at the evening services during 1927 on "The Life and Teaching of Jesus," which the Reverend Mr. Dewar characterizes as offering an opportunity to "get acquainted with the world's best story and the world's greatest life."

The Presbyterian Sunday School will meet as usual at 9:30 a. m. and will bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Rogers, who are moving to Kansas City. A short address will be given in appreciation of Mr. Rogers' service as superintendent.

Christian Endeavor at this church meets at 6:30 p. m., with its topic, "The Past Year—Its Lessons; The New Year—It's Possibilities." Miss Marie Davis will be the leader.

DRAMATIC EVENTS IN BIBLE HISTORY : : By Harlowe R. Hoyt and Walter Scott

The Birth of the Saviour

When Herod the Great ruled Palestine, a maiden named Mary dwelt in Nazareth. To her an angel appeared, announcing that by the power of the Highest, she should bear a son to be named Jesus, "the son of God."
Mary's husband, Joseph, a native of Bethlehem, was obliged to return to his birthplace to register for the census. Here and the time fulfilled, but himself and Mary to shelter in the stable.
good will toward men.
Let us go to Bethlehem and see what has come to pass," said the shepherds. So they hastened to the stable and found Joseph with Mary and the babe lying in the manger. And they wondered and returned glorifying God for what they had seen and heard.

Campus Rebels

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by Virginia Smith

CHAPTER XLVII.

The scarlet shades of the rear lamps threw the pit of the theater into red gloom. The shadows from the candles on the stage were wavering giants on the walls. The building was cold and silent.

Judith looked uneasily at Eric. Stephen Klvana, after the first glance at the empty auditorium, had stood, quietly smiling, at one side.

His cynical amusement drew an angry glance from the girl, as she stepped forward to take Eric's arm. "It's early yet," she said.

Eric shook his head, and Klvana proffered an open watch. "It's eight-thirty five," he said.

Eric wheeled about. "Don't croak, you two. This is no time to weaken. Judith, you've got to stand by."

A stooped man carrying a violin emerged from the musicians' door under the stage. "My men are all here, sir," he said to Eric.

The boy nodded. "Better have them practice the tunes once or twice, until the crowd begins to come." He spoke with a desperate courage.

"Look," cried Judith. At one of the entrances, Eric's henchmen were ushering in two or three groups of people. "You see," she said, "they're begining to come."

Eric looked grim. "They'll have to come faster than that."

A distant chiming of many bells drifted in from the south. "Dean Brown's meeting is beginning," said Eric. He turned on his heel and walked away from them.

The musicians began discordant tuning of their instruments. Klvana laughed. "Spiritless music for a red meeting," he said. "I imagine this venture will fall trhough. I'm truly sorry."

Judith turned on him. "Don't admit you think that. We've got to stand by Eric now."

He looked at her shrewdly, but made no reply. They stood together for some little time, while the orchestra ran over its songs and the ushers admitted straggling lines of townspeople. As yet there had been only a half dozen students among them.

Klvana's watch now showed eight-forty-five, and the audience might have numbered thirty or forty persons.

"What are we going to do?" she whispered to the man beside her.

As if in answer to the question, Eric appeared in the wings again. He was striding toward them with an intent frown on his face.

"We'll begin," he said, going up to Klvana. "As soon as the orchestra has played its opening number, I'll go out and introduce you."

Klvana nodded and walked toward a table on which a pitcher of water and a glass were standing.

"Eric," said Judith, "how did you advertise this meeting?"

He answered, as though against his will. "I had a delegate in every frat and sorority that I could trust. I spread my hints broadcast, without ever committing myself. I had them all lined up to strike tonight at the dinner tables all over Pendleton. I thought I'd picked good men to marshal 'em in. I evidently picked spineless fools."

He strode away from her. The orchestra swung into a Sousa march. The throubbing tread of the music beat strangely upon the great empty spaces and came back in a thousand echoes. Judith could see Eric straightening his tie as he whispered to Klvana.

Then both men were stepping out into the center of the stage, and the music stopped. Judith could see Eric taking his stand near the flickering red candles, while Klvana stood a little back.

"Friends," said Eric, "I am here to introduce—"

His voice blurred in Judith's ears. She stood in the wings, straining her eyes for newcomers in the pit. She tried to hear his words, but they slipped into one another and rolled away.

Then the tall man behind Eric straightened his shoulders and took a step forward. There was a half-hearted clapping from a dozen pairs of hands.

Klvana began to speak. She could hear his rich, clearcut enunciation with its hint of European precision. "Emancipation," he said, "and deliverance from cant—" There were other phrases, beautifully rounded, flung from his lips at the almost empty auditorium with a fine disregard of circumstance.

There was movement in the gallery, the vague stirring of a stolid audience that finds itself moved against its will. But the rows of red-lopped seats in the pit yawned emptily.

Judith leaned forward to catch a glimpse of his body. She saw him leaning far over the dge of the platform, hurling words into space, the red spots on his cheeks aflame.

And as she looked and listened, a faint sound began to weave in and out through the cadences of the speaker. It was music, far off, and the tune was nameless.

Judith peered at the musicians under the stage. They had slumped over their instruments, and the celloist was asleep with his head hanging back against the chair. The demon music that she heard was not from them.

She strained her ears. The music was unmistakably drawing nearer.

Klvana reached a glowing period, tossed his curly hair off his forehead and stretched out an arm to his meager audience. Then there was a clatter at the great central doors, which burst open, to a fanfare of braying music, and the head of a strange procession thrust itself into the back of the theater.

There were shouts and trampling feet, and the dancing light of torches, and forms thronging in through the doorway, led by one whose torches were carried by others on either side of him.

Then she realized that they were singing "The Marseillaise." The demon music was the brassy song of saxaphones, and it marched to the rhythm of muffled drums.

Down the aisle came the tramping procession. "Arise!" braved the saxophones. "Arise!" sang a hodge-podge of tenors and basses and squeaky sopranos. "Arise!" beat the drums. "The day of glory is at hand!"

The music reached higher crescendos as the head of the column neared the stage. Then Judith, grasping for Eric's hand, shrieked in a voice that reached him only as a whisper, "It's Will!"

Will it was, in the green riding suit, hat off, marching solemnly amidst the capers of his followers, flanked by torch-bearers and singing lustily.

"My God!" said Eric, and it was hard to tell what emotion the words expressed.

The procession wound its way into the front rows, filled one and threaded through another, every member standing stiffly by his chair.

Tramping, shrieking "The Marseillaise," the throng was filling the theater pit as rapidly as salt from a bag pours into a salt shaker. Judith was clutching at Eric's hand. Klvana stood by his basket of flaming roses, dark eyes glittering in the candle light.

The Bijou theater was filling to capacity, with a standing shrieking audience. The saxophone players in front stopped, gasping. The voices died down, and for a moment there was a heavy silence.

Then babel broke loose, and Judith stood in the torchlight on the stage.

It had been going on for years—this riot of voices and dizzy flickering of lights. The road ran by under them like a smooth ribbon of steel.

Winding after their car came the cars of others, and the taxis they had gathered upon Main street. They were all singing—each car a different tune.

Judith opened her eyes from the daze in which she had hung suspended. On her left was Eric, placid, silent, bending his handsome head over the steering wheel, so that glints from the speedometer light caught in his green eyes. On the other side was wedged Will Wetherel. He was bending ruefully over his green thigh. "Damned torch bearer singed my pants," he muttered. "Ruined this suit, I'm afraid."

Eric spoke up. "That suit has served its purpose anyway, Wetherel. When I used to razz it, I never thought it would lead a crusade to my rescue!"

"Neither did I," answered Will. "But don't take too much credit to yourself. I got a kick out of the torches and songs. Gad! How the dean will rage. There weren't fifty people at his rally."

They were turning in now at the Sigma Psi fraternity house, with a long line of machines behind them. Eric threw open the door, and they found the hall swarming with students—men and co-eds. "Poole talked to empty space," was the cry that greeted them.

Someone made a dive for the piano and struck up a syncopated version of "The Marseillaise." Feet began to tap and throats to hum, and Eric held Judith close in an improvised dance. "We'll celebrate our wedding tonight, Judith," he whispered, his lips against her vivid hair. "We'll run out to Earlham after the party."

She made no articulate reply. A vague sense of discontent tugged at her. But she danced close to his heart and smiled up into his eyes.

The music stopped with a bang just as they neared the great oak table in the hall. And Eric, with a mighty swing, lifted Judith till her toes touched the table top and she stood high above the shoulders of them all.

The men began to laugh. "Give us a dance! Give us a dance!" The pianist was banging his chords. And Judith began to laugh uncertainly, seeing only the green eyes of Eric greedily upon her.

Someone running from the music room tossed a mandolin to her. "Give us a Carmen! Give us a Carmen!" She laughed again, excitedly.

She was holding the mandolin awkwardly, hesitantly, when the front door opened and, amid a sudden hush, Dean Timothy Brown stood there with a gargoyle face of contorted stone. Others were behind him.

The dean paused but a moment. Then, taking in the tableau, his lips writhed and he sprang for Judith. "Get down, you shameless hussey—you—" He grabbed for her wrist, and Judith recoiled.

But someone behind the dean had moved—even more quickly than he. A long arm flashed out and the fist it propelled crashed violently against the dean's jaw. And Timothy fell like a log, his head bumping solidly against the red tiling.

Once more dead silence filled the room, to be shattered by a piercing shriek from one of the girls.

(To Be Continued).

The bridges are burned behind Judith now. She is through at Pendleton. But she finds her love—and happiness—in the concluding chapter tomorrow.

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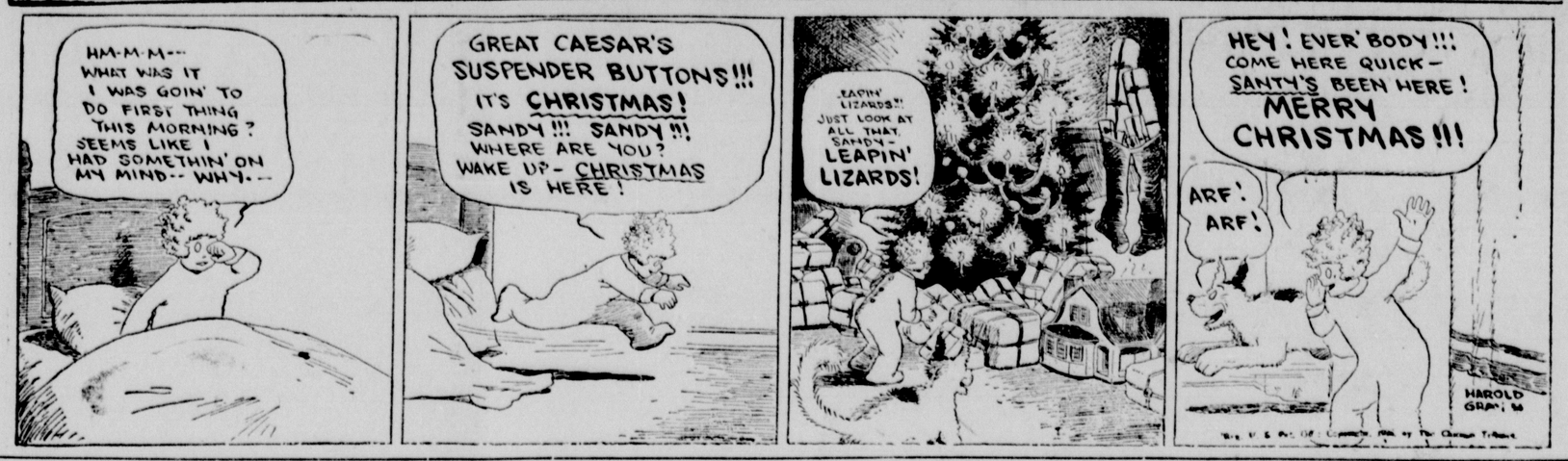
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Pickering

O. G. Null.

Chas. McClurg and family moved last Friday from the farm known as the L. O. Rickard farm near the Mowery school house to the H. H. McClurg farm adjoining Rea, Mo., which they will operate next year. H. H. McClurg and wife will spend the winter in California and then decide on future plans.

Elmer Hornbuckle has sold his dray business to J. N. Mobley, who took possession of it the first of the week. Mr. Hornbuckle will sell his team and other stock at auction the last of next week and will probably leave Pickering in a few weeks. He has not decided as yet where he will locate.

N. H. Pfeiffer, a former Pickering resident, now living at Blue Rapids, Kansas, visited former friends here a few hours on Tuesday.

Mrs. James Buchanan and daughter, Dorris Jane, of Osawatomie, Kansas, arrived here Wednesday evening to spend the Christmas holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Null, parents of the former and with other relatives here.

Mrs. Frank Laughlin of Wyconda, Mo., and Miss Mildred Burks, who is teaching at Excelsior Springs, Mo., are at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Burks, for the holidays. Their brother, Russell Burks, met them at St. Joseph and they attended the picture, "Ben Hur" there Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Omer Smith of Kansas City visited last Monday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Lett in Bloomdale neighborhood and drove Tuesday to Maitland to visit other relatives. They will also visit relatives at Mound City before returning to their home. Mr. Smith is a brother of Mrs. Lett.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. McMillan, Mr. and Mrs. Faye Florea, Howard Null and Russell Burks attended the picture, "Ben Hur" at St. Joseph on Wednesday evening.

A Christmas program was given by the Pickering school on Wednesday evening at the M. E. Church. The program was furnished by students from each room in the school and a Christmas tree with a live Santa Claus was a feature of the evening's entertainment. The school will be dismissed Friday evening for the holidays and will resume work again on Jan. 3.

SCUDDER ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Purviance and family were guests Sunday at the home of Mrs. Purviance's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pike of Bedison.

Mary Good will leave Saturday morning for Kansas City to visit her mother, Mrs. Goldie Good.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Carr went to St. Joseph Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Owen announce the birth of a son last week.

Miss Zelma Bird came Tuesday night to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Carr.

The school gets a week vacation next week.

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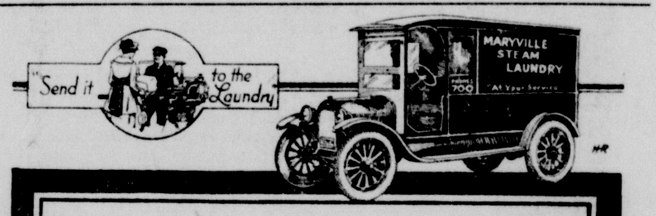

Our entire force joins in wishing to all

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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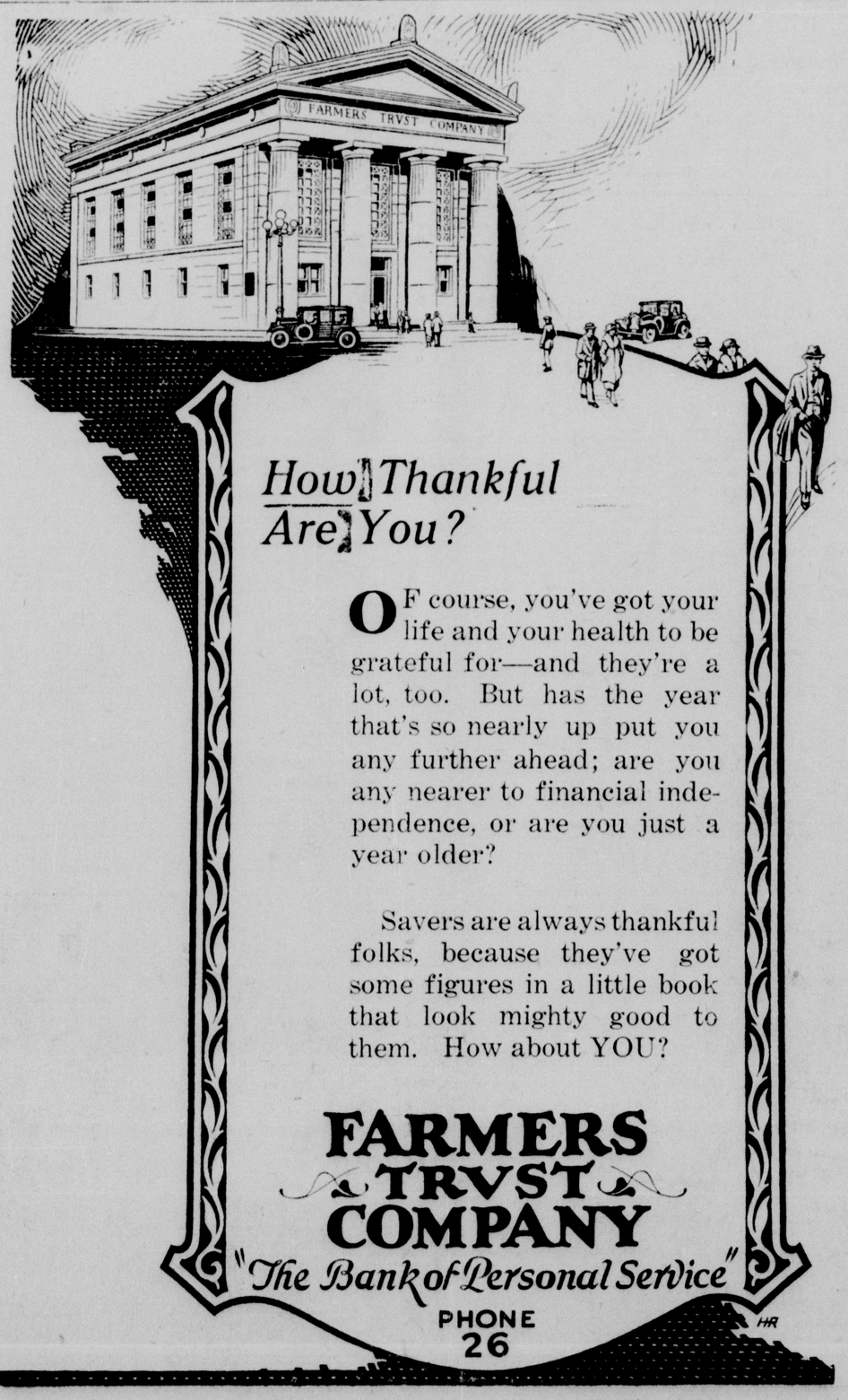

How Thankful Are You?

OF course, you've got your life and your health to be grateful for—and they're a lot, too. But has the year that's so nearly up put you any further ahead; are you any nearer to financial independence, or are you just a year older?

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Dr. K. Sears
Deputy State Veterinary
Calls answered promptly day or night.
Hanamo 740-265 Farmers 97-971/2

LOST 10

LOST—Small purse containing $15.00 currency and small change. Reward. Daisy Llewellyn, Farmers Exchange.

LOST—White Gold Bulova wrist watch. Reward.—If found return to this office.

AUTOMOTIVE

AUTOMOBILES FOR SALE 12

TWO GOOD VALUES

1924 Buick Master Six Roadster. A-1 condition.
1925 Ford Coupe. Good.

GEORGE McMURRY
East Side Square

Let Us Be Your

Santa Claus

We have more used cars than we have room for. These cars are priced to sell.

Two 1925 Ford Coupes.
One 1925 Ford Touring.
One 1924 Ford Touring.
Two Ford Trucks with Cabs.
One 1924 Chevrolet Roadster.
One 1923 Chevrolet Coupe.
Three cheap Ford Tourings.
One Studebaker Touring.
Two 1926 Ford Roadster.

Chromine
For Your Radiator

See Fred Newlon for used cars

McDONNELL CHEVROLET CO.
114 West 2nd St.

Outstanding
USED CAR VALUES

1—Willys-Knight special touring. Fine condition.
1—Willys-Six Touring. New paint. Good rubber.
1—Dodge Touring. New top. Good rubber.
1—Ford Touring. Winter top.
2—Ford Tourings.
1—Overland Sedan. New tires. Fine condition.

SEWELL AUTO COMPANY
Willys-Overland Fine Motor Cars

Read the Want Ads.

Merry Christmas

ARNOLD-STRONG MOTOR CO.
Dodge Brothers Sales and Service

Merry Christmas

We Voice
OUR APPRECIATION
For Your
GENEROUS SUPPORT

Shoemaker-Bovard
Coal Merchants

AUTOMOBILES FOR SALE 12

USED CARS

2—1925 Ford Coupes with ballon tires.
1—1923 Ford Coupe.
1—1925 Ford Touring, balloons and winter enclosure.
1—1925 Star Touring, balloons, snubbers, bumpers and motometer.
1—1924 Ford Touring, starter and good elincher tires.
1—1923 Ford Touring, starter and original tires.
1—1923 Ford Touring with starter and good tires.
1—1925 Ford Roadster, starter. Only about 2,000 miles on it.
1—1923 Essex Touring. Good shape. 5 good tires.
1—1923 Essex Coupe. Good shape. 5 new tires.
1—1927 Chevrolet coach. New disc wheels and bumpers.
1—1927 Whippet Coach. Will give good trade.

CAMPBELL MOTOR CO.
Kramer Garage L. L. Clary, Mgr.

GUARANTEED FORD USED CARS

1924 Coupe, 5 new cord tires.
1925 Touring, cord tires.
1924 Runabout, with winter top.
1924 Touring, new paint, demountable rims.
1925 Truck, cab and stock rack.

BARMANN AUTO COMPANY
Maryville's Ford Agent For 18 Years.

BUSINESS SERVICE

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JUST A WISH TO YOU
For a
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year

HEIDEMAN & LEET
East Side Square

ICE, COAL, WOOD, ETC. 20

Illinois Nut Coal
$6.50 and $7.50 per ton
Glover & Alexander

ICE, COAL, WOOD, ETC. 20

HERE'S WISHING: YE OLD TYME
MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

If your Christmas is a Merry one and your New Year is a Happy one

—You will know that our wishes in your behalf have been fulfilled.

Wm. Everhart
Ice — Coal — Feeds — Wood

EMPLOYMENT

SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALE 28

WANTED—Housework, small family, or as housekeeper.—Address 140, this office.

REAL For used cars WANT ADS

SHOP-O-GRAPH

SEASONABLE SUGGESTIONS FOR SHOPPERS

A PRETTY line hand made linen handkerchiefs, luncheon sets, pillow cases and bouidor pillows. Mrs. Godsey's Beauty & Art Shoppe.

AFTER THE show stop in at the Missouri Palms. The eats are "keen."

A beautiful assortment of luncheon sets, reasonable priced, at the Rhodes Music Shop.

A COMPLETE line of Candy in fancy boxes and cedar chests. Candyland.

AFTER the fire — it's too late. B. E. Costello Ins. Agency, Hanamo 197.

A Good sign more than pays for itself. Ellis Meek, Hanamo 197.

AUTOMOBILE Insurance. Fire, theft, collision, property damage, liability. See us for all kinds of insurance. The Sisson Loan & Title Co.

ALCOHOL and glycerin for the radiators. Gaugh & Evans.

BALANCE STAFFS—Special now until Christmas, $2. Satisfaction guaranteed.—R. T. Kabel, Shackelford's.

BRUMBAUGH Radio Shop. The only exclusive professional Radio Shop in Northwest Missouri. Room 6 over Raines Store.

CROW STUDIO the photograph studio that adds the "personal Service" to their work.

CURTAIN and top work, repairing and renewing. Always guaranteed.—Bagby Top Co., East Side Square.

CANDIES—For sale at all times at my home.—Mrs. Daniels, 706 East Second

DURALAC for your furniture, floors, linoleum. Howard Wray Hardware Co.

EL RETINA Cigars are sure to please dad. Ask at your dealers.

EARN your Christmas money by selling your junk, rags, papers, magazines, iron, junk radiators and storage batteries. One block east of city scales. Hanamo 518, Farmers 100. Maryville Junk Yards.

FORD HEATERS 75c and up for Fords. Heaters and floormats for all makes of cars. E. C. Bagby Auto Co.

For Radio Service and Batteries. Tubes rejuvinated free at the Rhodes Music Shop.

Have your Watches and Phonographs repaired at the Rhodes Music Shop.

GOLD FISH, Ornaments and bowls. Sewing machines. Repair work. Strader and Clapper.

HOMEMADE Bread is "Quality First Bread." Buy it at all stores.

IF IT IS of Value, Insure It. John Z. Curnutt, Mutz Building.

JACK PARRY Produce House. 108 East 6th. Call Farmers phone 61 for prices.

KRAMER Shoe Rebuilding. Return postage paid anywhere. "We have the machinery."

NEW ALADDIN Mantle lamps. Burns 94 per cent air, 6 per cent oil, priced $3.50 each. Case Furniture Exchange.

NODAWAY Brick Ice Cream is "Pure That's Sure." Ask your dealer for it.

PICTURES that make the Home more "Homey." Price Furniture Co.

PHOTOGRAPHS the only gift that you alone can give. Solve your gift problem now. F. R. Marcell, Photographer.

PHOTOGRAPHS—Day or night. Our cars will call for customers. Carpenters Home Studio, phone 466.

RED GRANGE footballs $1.75 to $2.75. Also basketballs at various prices. Donahue & Smith Hardware.

REMINGTON and Peters shotgun shells. Complete stock. Donahue & Smith, South Side.

RADIO supplies and sets. See and hear our line of speakers. We can please you. Lloyd Radio Shop.

RADIOLA the set with Superior Tone Quality. Price Furniture Co.

SPECIAL $1.00 bottle Vanties Bath Salt for 79c. Kuchs Bros. Jewelry.

TOASTED SANDWICHES—Hot Chili, Hot drinks. Always the best at Lewis'.

T-GRIP CHAINS are cheaper in the long run. Barmann Auto Co.

TOP and side curtain repairing and renewing. Lanning Tire, Top, Paint and Varnish Co., 1st at Main.

WROUGHT IRON Vases, Candlesticks, Whatnots, Ash Trays, etc. Raines Gift Shop.

WILLARD Radio and car battery service. Fisher Battery Station, 719 East 4th.

FINANCIAL

MONEY TO LOAN 31

FEDERAL FARM LOAN
5 per cent
For 36 years or less at your option
See or write
A. L. PISTOLE
Secretary-Treasurer
Hopkins, Mo.

LIVESTOCK

POULTRY AND SUPPLIES 33

FOR SALE—Barred Rock Cockerels, $1.50 each.—Mrs. Ralph White, Farmers 17-18.

RESIDENCES AND ROOMS

APARTMENTS AND FLATS 39

FOR RENT—January 1st, new five-room apartment, West Side.—Chas. Hyslop.

HOUSES FOR RENT 42

FOR RENT—A six room modern house. Chas. Hyslop.

FOR RENT—6 room cottage.—See Dr. K. C. Cummins.

Santa Swamped With Mail From Nodaway Kiddies

The Democrat-Forum is unable to print all the Santa Claus letters which have been received on account of lack of space. More letters were written to Santa Claus this year than ever before.

As tomorrow is Christmas, it is the wish of The Democrat-Forum that Santa will bring all these boys and girls who have written letters to him all they are asking for. And if you have been a good boy and girl, there is a good chance he will. All the letters which were not published were turned over to Santa with the rest.

Doris Fanning of Maryville, in her letter to Santa Claus, did not forget her teacher, Miss Charlotte Welchel, who is ill in St. Francis hospital here. Doris writes:

"Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 8 years old. I go to the Garfield school. My teacher is Miss Welchel. Please give her a good Christmas because she is sick in the hospital. I would like a big doll with curly hair and a new dress and painting set. Please bring Junior Grubb some blocks. Your little friend, Doris Fanning, Maryville, Mo."

Another letter to Santa Claus expressing the wish that all the poor little girls and boys be taken care of was:

"Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 7 years old. I am in the fourth grade and go to the Liberty school. I want for Christmas a story book. If you have it to spare please give me two, but if you only have a few to spare you had better give them to the poor little girls and boys. From your little friend, Nellie Jobe, Barnard, Mo."

Among the thousand or so Santa Claus letters addressed in care of the Democrat-Forum and Tribune, there were many not printed, due to the fact that names were illegible and addresses omitted.

There were also cases in which the letters appeared spurious.

However, if a mistake was made in omitting some of the latter, the little kiddies will not be forgotten as all of the letters were sent directly to Old Kris Kringle at his North Pole postoffice.

Other letters were:

Gladys Cray and Verna Pistole, Pickering; Growney Cummins, Burlington Junction; Alice Hewitt, Pickering; Johnnie Hood, Pickering; Jimmie Sickels, Maryville; Earl Lincoln, Pickering; Loraine Swaney, Mary Frances and Robert Stevens, Quitman; Dora Belle McElvee, Bedford; Marvin Laverne Parent, Maryville; Alice Sturm, Maryville; Francis D. Donahue, Quitman; Geraldine Sturm, Maryville; Mary Maxine Carmichael, Quitman; Gerald E. Carmichael, Quitman; Clark Edwin McDowell, Maryville; Maxine Nielson, Barnard; Kenneth Byergo, Barnard; Wilma Florea, Hopkins; Chester Hanna, Pickering; Gerald Horton, Ravenwood; Doylie Costello, Maryville.

John Workman, Mary Jobe, Barnard; Virginia Belle Thomas, Parnell; Raymond McClurg, Pickering; Eula Clutter, Louis Albert Clutter and Mary Rose Clutter, Grant City; Mary Jane Burchett, Barnard; Burton O'Donnell, Conception; Norris Dale McGinnis, Fillmore; Orlo Preston Porter, Parnell; LeRoy and Loren Carden, Conception Junction; Betty Lee and Donald Lesley Willhite, Parnell; Milton Frank Burchett, Barnard; Maurice Reardon, Barnard; William Carden, Conception Junction; Harold Hainline, Wilcox; Ludeene Friend, Wilcox; Louise Brogan, Wilcox; Cecil (Buddie(Ross, Maryville; Edward Dobbins, Maryville; Margaret Taylor, Maryville; Earl Taylor, Maryville; Sarah May Taylor, Maryville; George Mark Hamilton, Maryville; Mildred Blackford, Wilcox; Marjorie Ulmer, Hopkins; Lewis Wisenburger, Maryville; Milo Egbert; Clara Margaret Bleich; Frances Marie Ulmer, Maryville; Maxine McClurg, Pickering; Hollis Holt, Maryville; Virginia Beatrice Frazee and Wanda Louise Frazee, Maryville; Wilbur Lee and Willis Britton, Maryville; Wayne and Raymond Hays, Maryville; Dorothy Carden, Conception Junction; Ruby Lynch, Wilcox; Dorothy Shell, Wilcox; J. W. Flanary, Maryville; Helen Shell, Wilcox; Alvis and Drexel Sparks, Parnell; Goldia Majors, Maryville, Arthur Swinford, Maryville; George Benge, Maryville; Gladys Marie Cook, Maryville; Virginia Massie, Hopkins; Charles Baumli, Barnard; Helen Cassel, Maryville; Viola Besco, Maryville; Alice McCombs and Betty Jean Taylor, Maryville; Mary Gertrude Ashford, Maryville.

DAILY MARKET REPORT

ST. JOSEPH LIVE STOCK.

Hogs.

Receipts 2,000; market 15c to 20c higher; top, $11.65; bulk $11.40 to $11.60.

Cattle.

Receipts 300; market steady to strong; bulk of steers $8.25 to $9.25.
Cows and heifers $3.75 to $9.00.
Calves $5 to $10.
Stockers and feeders $6 to $8.25.

Sheep.

Receipts 1,500; market steady to 10c higher.
Lambs $12 to $12.75.
Ewes $5.50 to $6.50.

KANSAS CITY LIVE STOCK

Hogs.

Receipts 2,000; market 10c to 15c up.
Bulk, $11 to $11.60.
Heavies, $11.30 to $11.60.
Butchers, $11.40 to $11.65.
Lights, $11.15 to $11.50.
Pigs, $11 to $11.60.

Cattle.

Receipts 700; market steady.
Prime fed steers, $10.50 to $12.75.
Dressed beef steers, $7.50 to $10.50.
Western steers, $7.25 to $10.50.
Southern steers, $6.25 to $8.75.
Stockers and feeders, $6 to $8.75.
Cows, $3.75 to $7.25.
Heifers, $6 to $11.25.
Bulls, $4.50 to $6.
Calves, $6 to $11.

Sheep.

Receipts 500; market strong to 10c higher.
Spring lambs, $11.50 to $11.75.
Yearlings, $9 to $10.
Ewes, $4.75 to $6.50.
Wethers, $7 to $8.
Stockers and feeders, $11 to $11.75.

EAST ST. LOUIS LIVE STOCK

Hogs.

Receipts 5,000; market 15c to 30c lower.

Cattle.

Receipts 500; market nominal.

Sheep.

Receipts 250; market strong to 10c higher.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK

Hogs.

Receipts 3,500; market 15c to 25c higher.

Cattle.

Receipts 300; market steady.

Sheep.

Receipts none; market nominal.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Hogs.

Receipts 10,000; market generally 15c to 25c higher.

Cattle.

Receipts 2,000; market most killing classes fairly steady.

Sheep.

Receipts 5,000; market fat lambs, fairly active.

Chicago Grain Table.

Wheat—Open	High	Low	Close	Yest.
Dec. 1.39¾	1.40	1.39	1.39¾	1.40¼
May 1.40¼	1.42¾	1.40⅛	1.40⅝	1.40½
July 1.32	1.32½	1.31¾	1.32¼	1.32¼
CORN—				
Dec. .73¼	.73¼	.72⅝	.72¾	.73¼
May .81⅛	.81⅜	.81⅛	.81⅝	.81¾
July .84¾	.84⅞	.84½	.84¾	.84¾

Chicago Cash Grain.

WHEAT—No. 2 hard $1.43½; No. 3 hard $1.35 to $1.36.
CORN—No. 2 yellow 75½c; No. 3 yellow 74½c; No. 2 mixed 74½c; No. 3 white 75½c; No. 3 white 74c.
OATS—No. 2 white 51c to 54c.
HAY—Timothy $5 to $5.75; clover $25 to $32.50.
RYE—No. 3 98c.

Kansas City Grain, Hay, Produce.

WHEAT—Receipts 104 cars; market for hard and red, unchanged; No. 2 hard, $1.36 to $1.39; No. 3 hard, $1.34 to $1.37½; No. 2 red, $1.33 to $1.34; No. 3 red, $1.31 to $1.32½.
CORN—Receipts 38 cars; market unchanged; No. 2 mixed, 74c to 74½c; No. 3 mixed, 72c to 73½c; No. 2 yellow, 76c to 77c; No. 3 yellow, 73½c to 74½c; No. 2 white, 74c to 74½c.
OATS—Receipts 4 cars; market unchanged; No. 2 white, 48½c to 51c.
HAY—Prairie, choice, $15 to $16.50; timothy, No. 1, $16 to $17; alfalfa, choice, $22 to $23.50.
Eggs, 39c; selected, 47c.
Butter, 52c; packing, 22c.
Hens, 22½c; turkeys and young toms 40c; broilers, 24c; ducks, 15c, geese 22c.

Closing Grain Review.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Trade in all grain was a holiday character on the Chicago Board of Trade, with the pit element more undisposed than ever to take a decided stand on either side.

The tone of the wheat market was fairly heavy, with scattered liquidation in the December month. The final prices were ⅛ cent up to ⅜ cent lower. Cash prices were unchanged.

Corn showed an easy undertone, the weather was colder and there was some increase in country offerings. The cash market was 1 cent lower. Closing prices in futures were ⅛ to ½ cent lower than yesterday.

Oats were slow, with prices inclined to sag, closing ⅛ to ⅜ cent off.

Provisions closed higher.

LOCAL MARKETS.

Cream, per lb.	48c
Eggs, per doz.	35c
Hens, heavy, per lb.	19c
Hens, light, per lb.	15c
Springs, heavy, per lb.	18c
Springs, Leghorn, per lb.	14c
Roosters, per. lb.	9c
Geese, per lb.	13c
Hides, per. lb.	5c
Ducks, per lb.	16c

Gaugh Funeral Will Be Held Sunday

Funeral services for Dr. M. A. Gaugh, who died yesterday noon at his home in Burlington Junction, will be held Sunday at the Christian Church in Burlington Junction at 2:30 o'clock. The services will be conducted by the Rev. J. Howard Thompson, pastor of the M. E. Church, and burial will take place in Ohio cemetery.

Funeral services for Watt Hobbs, who died in St. Joseph yesterday will be held at the Christian Church in Burlington Junction at 11 o'clock Sunday morning. The services will be conducted by the Rev. Mr. Thompson and burial will be in Ohio cemetery.

Mrs. Myrl Gorman, instructor in the Conception Junction schools, is spending the Christmas vacation with her mother, Mrs. A. Oberlander.

Three Geese for Men at the County Jail

Nothing Else To Remind Prisoners Of The Yuletide Is Scheduled For Tomorrow.

Fourteen prisoners confined in the county jail will find nothing tomorrow to remind them that it is Christmas except the better and more plentiful dinner, which will be placed before them by Mrs. Lowell B. Campbell, wife of Sheriff Campbell.

Three geese are to be prepared for the prisoners, it was said at the jail today, and outside of the extra menu the prisoners "get outside of" there will be no other events to remind them of Christmas day.

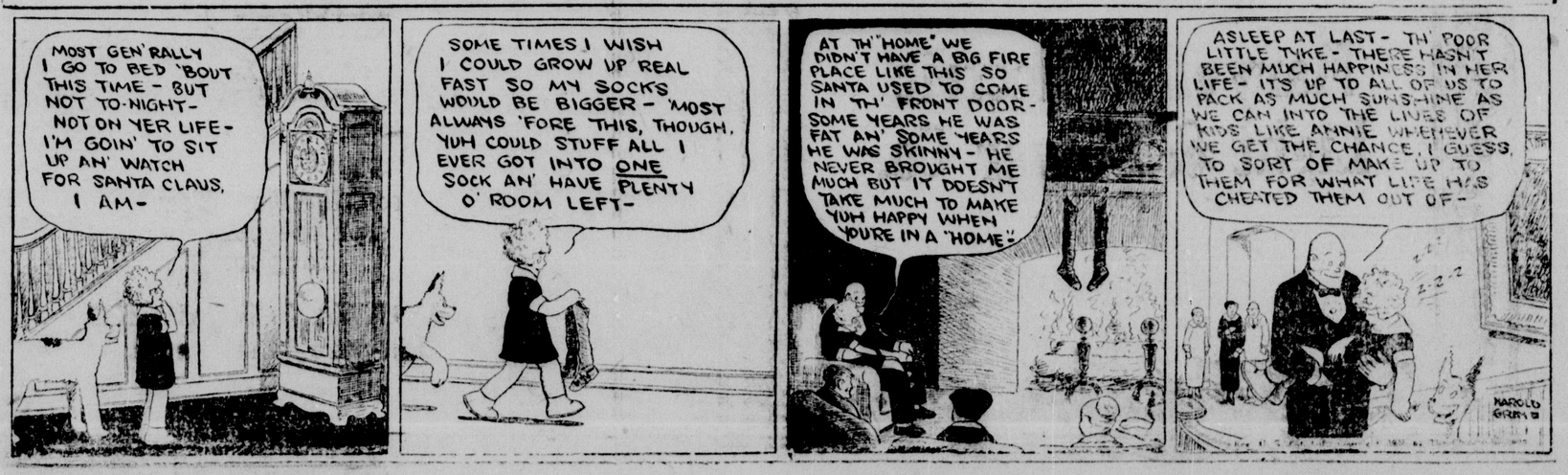
Mrs. Ida J. Ambrose and daughter, Miss Lida Ambrose, will go to Bedison to spend Christmas with Mrs. Ambrose's son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ambrose.

James Hepburn of Boulder, Colo., who is a student at the University of Colorado, arrived last night to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hepburn, of near Hopkins.

CROSLEY
Better RADIO costs less.
Sold by
HOLT SUPPLY CO.

Build Resistance To Prevent Coughs Or Colds—Take
SCOTT'S EMULSION
Rich In Resistance-Building Cod-liver Oil Vitamins
Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J. 26-51

LITTLE ORPHAN ANNIE: "'Twas the Night Before Christmas"


MOST GEN'RALLY I GO TO BED 'BOUT THIS TIME - BUT NOT TO-NIGHT - NOT ON YER LIFE - I'M GOIN' TO SIT UP AN' WATCH FOR SANTA CLAUS, I AM -
SOME TIMES I WISH I COULD GROW UP REAL FAST SO MY SOCKS WOULD BE BIGGER - 'MOST ALWAYS 'FORE THIS, THOUGH, YUH COULD STUFF ALL I EVER GOT INTO ONE SOCK AN' HAVE PLENTY O' ROOM LEFT -
AT TH' "HOME" WE DIDN'T HAVE A BIG FIRE PLACE LIKE THIS SO SANTA USED TO COME IN TH' FRONT DOOR - SOME YEARS HE WAS FAT AN' SOME YEARS HE WAS SKINNY - HE NEVER BROUGHT ME MUCH BUT IT DOESN'T TAKE MUCH TO MAKE YUH HAPPY WHEN YOU'RE IN A "HOME"
ASLEEP AT LAST - TH' POOR LITTLE TYKE - THERE HASN'T BEEN MUCH HAPPINESS IN HER LIFE - IT'S UP TO ALL OF US TO PACK AS MUCH SUNSHINE AS WE CAN INTO THE LIVES OF KIDS LIKE ANNIE WHENEVER WE GET THE CHANCE, I GUESS, TO SORT OF MAKE UP TO THEM FOR WHAT LIFE HAS CHEATED THEM OUT OF -
HAROLD GRAY

Two Masonic Lodge Officers Installed

A. L. Nash Is Installing Officer and Jonathan Stark, Grand Marshal at Ceremonies.

Joint installation of the two Masonic lodges, Nodaway, No. 165, and Maryville, No. 470, was held last night at the Masonic temple, with A. L. Nash as the installing officer and Jonathan Stark, grand marshal.

The following were installed as officers of Maryville Lodge:

Walter E. Smith, worshipful master.
Harry Lyle, senior warden.
Dr. Roy V. Canon, junior warden.
Forrest T. Gillam, treasurer.
Fred W. Smith, secretary.
Martin A. Lewis, jr., chaplain.
Fred French, marshal.
Leon Canon, senior deacon.
Paul Maxwell, junior deacon.
William Tarpley, senior steward.
Gail Mitchell, junior steward.
William Collins, tyler.

The Nodaway Lodge officers for the next year:

Harry D. Snyder, worshipful master.
Dr. R. C. Person, senior warden.
W. S. Todd, junior warden.
R. J. Curfman, treasurer.
L. P. Colvin, secretary.
L. E. Ziegler, senior deacon.
Hugh Graham, junior deacon.
Forrest Froman, senior steward.
Gordon Roach, junior steward.
A. L. Nash, chaplain.
I. E. Tulloch, marshal.
R. A. Strawbridge, tyler.

Twelve Note Suits Filed for Jan. Term

Today Last Day for Filing for the Coming Term of Nodaway County Circuit Court.

Twelve suits on notes were filed with the circuit clerk yesterday for the January term of court. Today was the last day to file suits of any nature for the coming term.

The suits filed yesterday:

Northwestern Bank of Burlington Junction against Kitty G. Smith, for $300.

Walter Gladstone against Ellis and Mary Lyle, for $300.

T. A. Hogan against William S. Gaddis, for $250.

A. A. Thummel against W. E. Hawk, for $145.

Nodaway Valley Bank against W. F. Gaddis, for $70.

Nodaway Valley Bank against W. F. Gaddis, et. al., for $250.

Citizens Bank of Graham against James E. Forcade, for $4,756 and $50.

Arnold-Strong Motor Company against M. W. Abbott for $200.

Bank of Hopkins against Elias Godsey, $163.40 and $1,289.

Bank of Hopkins against Curtis Hodges, $518.

Bank of Hopkins against Cornelius McCleave, $1,500 and $1,238.

Bank of Hopkins against Preston Mace, $343.

Sixteen Pupils Not Absent Nor Tardy

Sixteen boys and girls of the 7A grade of the Washington School carry the distinction of having not been tardy nor absent during the month of December. They are:

Frederick Bailey, Elbert Barrett, Elmer Barrock, Clifford Goodwin, Dean Miller, Maxwell Syster, Charles Shelton, Howard Wray, Eugene Arnold, Julius Cornett, Treva Edwards, Mary Hamlin, Ruth King, Myrtle Schimming, Norma Short and Virginia Smith.

Mrs. Harry McDowell won second place at the poultry show at Clarinda, Ia., last week on her mammoth Toulouse geese. This is the third prize won by Mrs. McDowell this fall, winning at Maryville and Bedford shows.

Asked Santa for a Baby Brother; Faith Is Rewarded

No one could shatter the belief of Mary Jane Jones, 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Jones, that there is a Santa Claus. Mary Jane ordered a little baby brother for Christmas, and old Kris Kringle filled the order at 6:45 o'clock this morning at the St. Francis Hospital. The young man weighs eight pounds, and he and his mother are getting along nicely.

Chrstmas Supper at Union School

Santa Claus Distributes Gifts After Program Is Given by School Pupils.

Residents of the Union community gave a Christmas supper at the Union school Thursday night. After supper the pupils of the school and members of the Union Homemakers Club gave a program and gifts on the Christmas tree were distributed by Santa Claus.

Those present were Mrs. Walter Hayden and children, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Moody and son, Leo, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Ramsey, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Payne, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Walk, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jones and children, Mayme McCurry, Mr. and Mrs. Guy D. Aley and son, Don, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Porter and daughter, Margaret, Will Hayden and children, Cleve House, George McCurry, Robert Porter, Clint, Edwin, Irvin and Ralph Jones, Edward and Hubert Walk, Everett O'Day, Agnes and Marie Walk, Grace and Maysel Hayden, Marguerite Howard, J. C. Gregory and children, Mary McCurry, Ona, Bertha, Marie, Walter, Virgil and Fern Combs.

Bentleys Celebrate Fiftieth Anniversary

Ravenwood Couple Were Married Dec. 21, 1876, and Have Lived in Nodaway County Since That Time.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Bentley observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary Tuesday, December 21, at their home five miles east of Ravenwood, according to this week's Ravenwood Gazette. Mr. Bentley is 74 years old and his wife is 68 years old. They were married December 21, 1876, at the home of the bride's parents and have lived near Ravenwood for the past fifty years.

Mr. Bentley came to Nodaway County with his parents in 1858. His father, Capt. A. B. Bentley, was one of the first to establish a law office in Maryville, when he formed a partnership with Lafe Dawson. Mrs. Bentley, who was formerly Miss Nevada Hawk, was born near old Guilford and has lived in Nodaway County most of her life.

Those who helped the Bentleys to observe their anniversary were their daughter, Mrs. Lester Jasper and Mr. Jasper, and son, Everett, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Fryar, Mrs. R. L. Larmer, Mr. and Mrs. James Hawk, Jimmie Galen Crater, Miss Ruby Wharton, and Miss Blanche Fryar. Their son, E. C. Bentley of Kansas City, was unable to be present.

Judge Dawson Home.

Judge John M. Dawson of the Missouri fourth judicial circuit court district, who has been taking treatments at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn., arrived home today.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Turner and son, Wayne, will go to Omaha tomorrow morning for a Christmas visit with Mrs. Turner's sister and her family, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Millington. Her mother, Mrs. R. S. Broyles, is there in the hospital and is improving.

Mrs. Minnie Vanscoy went to Menlo, Ia., this morning for a week's visit at the home of her son, Arlo Vanscoy.

Yuletide Giving

BY L. ANNA OWENS, Maryville, Mo.

Three wise men of old brought rich treasures of gold,
And of myrrh and frank-incense rare
To Bethlehem's manger where lay a wee stranger,
The Christ-Child so wondrously fair.

Love-prompted and blest, those offerings expressed
The glory of service-crowned living,
And with them began that heaven-born plan
Of worshipful Yuletide giving.

This spirit so white, on that first Christmas night,
Has dimmed to the touch of earth's ways,
And hearts rarely thrill with that holy "Good will"
Angels sang in the olden days.

Too oft' we forget, in life's fever and fret,
In its strife and tumult of greed,
That still we may bring rich gifts to the King
Through meeting another soul's need.

We may not bestow gems that glitter and glow,
As did the great Magi of old;
Yet, aught that we may, with self, give today,
The King will accept as pure gold.

8 Above This Morning.

The weather market took a sudden drop late yesterday afternoon and last night, and this morning J. R. Brink's official thermometer stood at 8 above. Mr. Brink expressed little hope of any snow to whiten Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

John M. Murrin left this afternoon for Atchison, Kas., where he will spend Christmas with his son, Dr. John O. Murrin and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Seckington of St. Joseph will spend Christmas with Mrs. Seckington's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Search will make a Christmas visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Werre of Edwardsville, Ill., and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Search of White Hall, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Donahue and children will spend Christmas with Mrs. Donahue's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Gale, and also Mrs. Donahue's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Parish of Skidmore.

Miss Blanche Anderson will come tonight from Fairfax for a holiday visit with her mother, Mrs. Anna Anderson.

Lona Perrin Coming.

Lona Perrin of St. Paul, will arrive in Maryville in the morning to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. A. R. Perrin. Mrs. Perrin, who recently underwent an operation at the St. Francis Hospital, returned to her home this morning. Mr. Perrin is in the advertising department of the Northern Pacific Railroad at St. Poul.

Marriage License

Elgy Bodle and Mrs. Nora Belle Ward, of Skidmore, secured a marriage license ydsterday and were married in the restroom of the courthouse by Judge Jesse F. Robertson of the probate court.

Dr. Margaret Armstrong, who is doing medical work at Ann Arbor, Mich., is here to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Armstrong.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar D. Arnold and daughter, Eugenia, left this morning to spend Christmas with relatives at Salina, Kan.

Mrs. Margaret Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cummins will leave in the morning for Council Bluffs, Ia., to spend Christmas with their brother, Frank McKenzie and family.

AMUSEMENTS

Next Week At The Movies.

Sunday Matinee.

Missouri Theatre—Doris Kenyon in "Ladies at Play."

Monday Night.

Electric Theatre—Viola Dana in "Bigger Than Barnum's."

Missouri Theatre—"Ladies at Play."

Tuesday Night.

Missouri Theatre—"Forever After."

Electric Theatre—"Bigger Than Barnum's."

Wednesday Night.

Electric Theatre—Ricardo Cortez and Florence Vidor in "The Eagle of the Sea."

Missouri Theatre—"Forever After."

Thursday Night.

Missouri Theatre—Marguerite De La Motte in "Meet the Prince."

Electric Theatre—"The Eagle of the Sea."

Friday Night.

Electric Theatre—George O'Hara in "Going the Limit."

Missouri Theatre—"Meet the Prince."

Saturday Night.

Missouri Theatre—"Red Hot Tars", a Warner Production.

Electric Theatre—Tom Moore and Pola Negri in "Good and Naughty."

Two of the latest screen triumphs are brought to Maryville this week by the Electric Theatre, Bigger than Barnum's and The Eagle of the Sea. Bigger Than Barnum's is, as the name denotes, a picture of circus life. Virtually all of the scenes are filmed on the circus lot. The Eagle of the Sea brings forth Ricardo Cortez, the new sheik of the silver sheet. It has experienced a successful run in the cities. "Good and Naughty" is a Paramount film with an exceptionally strong cast.

At the Missouri the pictures Forever After and Meet the Prince lead the week's program. Forever after is a splendid love story with the World War as a background. Meet the Prince is an entertaining comedy drama woven about a Russian Prince who became an American butler.

Mrs. F. S. Hall of Cheyenne, Wyo., will come tonight to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Bush. Jarvis Bush, a student at the University of Missouri, is also home for the holidays and his sister, Miss Ruth Bush, who is attending the nurses' training school of Missouri Methodist Hospital in St. Joseph, will be here tomorrow.

Mrs. Gay Leeper will leave this evening for Ironton, Mo., to spend Christmas with Miss Ada Albert, who is in the Baptist Hospital at that place.

Purchases Interest in Shop.

Robert G. Garten has purchased an interest in the barber shop of William Steele, under the First National Bank.

A Christmas Dinner

FOR SATURDAY AND FOR SUNDAY

YOUR CHOICE OF

TURKEY GEESE DUCK

with many other good things to eat and cooked in that delicious "Home Style."

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The Missouri Theatre

THE PLAYHOUSE OF DISTINCTION

Shows 7:30 and 9:00 Adults 25c—35c. Children 10c

Last Time Tonight

SEE Marie Prevost in "ALMOST A LADY"

The girl with the tantalizing smile, who saucers her coffee dips bread in the gravy and gargles her soup. See how rich clothes and beauty can sometimes make a Lady.

Saturday Night and Bargain Matinee
3 p. m. — All seats 25c.

Monte Blue, Patsy Ruth Miller, Ben Turpin and four world's champions, Jim Jefferies, Tommy Ryan, Ad Wolgast and Kid Lewis, in

"Hogan's Alley"

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MATINEE AND NIGHT—THE COURTNEY SISTERS of Kansas City in "Ma Takes Her Children to the Movies," and other acts. These girls need no introduction in Maryville.

Sunday and Monday

featuring Doris Kenyon, Lloyd Hughes and Louise Fazenda. A Hurricane of Hilarity. The whole town will turn somersaults with laughter at this button buster. A First National Picture.

Also Yehle's Orchestra.

Each Night—Travis Nesbit featuring Song Slides and doubling at the piano and console—together with two featurettes.

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With the desire for continued pleasure in our cordial relations, we wish you

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Maryville Electric Light & Power Co.

We sure appreciate the patronage of our friends the short time we have been with you. And trust you will all have a Merry Christmas and an enjoyable New Year.

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May Your CHRISTMAS Be a Bountiful One

and the New Year a prosperous one for you.

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It's pure—that's sure.